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A HISTORY OF THE PARTY AND ITS REPRESENTATIVE  
MEMBERS—PAST AND PRESENT

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## HON. HENRY THOMAS RAINEY

Since the establishment of Illinois as a territory, she has left her impress upon the history of the nation by reason of the ability of her great men. How many are there, however, even among her truly great, who have been privileged to give thirty years of service to the country in a legislative capacity? Such was the record of Henry T. Rainey, who, though departed from earthly scenes, leaves an influence that will be felt for years to come. For an extended period he did much to shape public thought and action as related to the policies of the nation, and wherever he went he commanded the respect and admiration not only of his political colleagues but of his political opponents as well. It is a question as to whether the people of his home community will remember him as a statesman, but rather they will remember him as friend and neighbor, for in Carrollton and Green county he had the friendship and love of all. He was ever approachable and kindly and his door swung wide with hospitable welcome to those who lived near him. His life story through many years closely touches the important phases of America's annals and contains much that is inspirational for all who are familiar with his history. He was first sent to congress in 1903, when a man approaching the prime of life, being then forty-three years of age. He was born near Carrollton, August 20, 1860, and made his home in his native county throughout his entire life. His ancestors had come from Kentucky to settle in Illinois in pioneer times. His maternal grandfather established his home in this state a century and a quarter ago, leaving for a time to participate in the War of 1812. His grandfather Rainey soon afterward became a resident of Illinois and he, too, had a military record, having served as a major in the Mexican war and also in the South American Army.

The youthful days of Henry T. Rainey passed uneventfully in Carrollton and after completing the work of the schools there he entered Amherst College, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1883. He afterward devoted two years to the study of law in Northwestern University and then returned to Amherst, his alma mater conferring upon him the Master of Arts degree in 1886. In his college days he was well known as an athlete, winning the inter-collegiate heavyweight boxing championship and running the 100-yard dash in  $10\frac{1}{4}$  seconds—a record at that time unsurpassed. He was always interested in sports and kept up his own athletic habits, walking each day two miles to his office even after he had reached the age of seventy. On leaving college he returned home and following his admission to the bar engaged in the practice of law for seventeen years, forming a partnership with Norman L. Jones, now chief justice of the Illinois supreme court. The firm enjoyed an extensive and important practice, but with his active entrance in politics Mr. Rainey withdrew from bar connections and concentrated his attention upon his congressional duties and upon his farming interests.

While at Amherst, Mr. Rainey had formed the acquaintance of Miss Ella McBride, of Harvard, Nebraska, whom he made his wife in June, 1889. They established Walnut Hill as their permanent home, a country estate of great beauty, which Mr. Rainey brought to a high state of development and improve-

ment. Here he raised registered Holstein cattle, pedigreed dogs and also kept a herd of deer. The brick residence was palatial in size and equipment, but its most noticeable feature was its hospitality, which was extended to humble and great alike. Its gates were never closed, so that visitors could always drive through the grounds, and each year Mr. Rainey invited the Boy Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls to camp upon his place.

Mr. Rainey was a man of splendid physique, taller than the average, with wide shoulders and a profuse crown of silvery hair, which became well known to all congressional visitors during the thirty years in which he represented his district in the national halls of legislation. From the time he attained his majority Mr. Rainey voted with the democratic party and was always identified with its liberal wing. Early in his congressional career he served on the labor committee and won attention as an advocate of the eight-hour day. On the important ways and means committee he drafted an act creating a tariff commission, doing this at the request of President Wilson. It is a well known political fact that when he was first offered the nomination for congress he would not agree, as some of his predecessors had done, that he would quit at the end of one term so that others could hold the job. He refused to accept under the circumstances, and his party then offered him the nomination untrammelled. A spectacular point in his congressional career came during a debate on the tariff question. He startled the house and the nation as well by exhibiting watches and other articles which he had purchased abroad at cheaper prices than their American manufacturers sold them at home. This was done in behalf of his position advocating lower tariffs. He was a student and critic of tariff and fiscal subjects and his clear insight into the problems and his logical deductions won him a large following.

Writing of his political career, one of his biographers said: "At Washington he was known as a democratic wheel horse, always pulling his full share of the party load in the lean years of republican domination. His friends described him as always patient, tolerant and careful. One of the political notes which he sounded frequently in his later years was protection for the worker from what he termed the 'menace' of the machine. Several years before technocracy flashed across the economic horizon, he warned of what he considered impending dangers in the constant supplanting of hands by mechanical devices. He said that the number of unemployed or occasional workers would increase sharply if industrialists continued to substitute machines for men, that the aggregate buying power of wage earners would be cut and that the result might be 'disaster to our whole economic and social structure.' Shorter work days and fewer work days he considered insufficient to meet this situation. Instead he urged employers to find means of spreading the savings resultant from machine methods among greater number of people."

Mr. Rainey was among the first to advocate the recognition of soviet Russia. At his own expense he made a trip to that country, returning in the spring of 1932 to become a vigorous proponent of trade with Russia, saying if recognition of its government was needed to insure commerce, he favored the establishment of official diplomatic relations, and recognition of Russia became one of the early acts of the Roosevelt administration. Again we quote from the Illinois State Register of August 20, 1934, as to his political activities: "Rainey became a storm center several times in matters involving foreign governments. In 1908 he started a movement to have the Panama Canal deal of President Theodore Roosevelt's administration investigated. Serious charges were made by him against W. N. Cornwell, noted New York attorney; Charles P. Taft, brother of President Taft, and members of the Panama government in connection with the sale of the Panama Railroad. An official protest was made to Washington by the Panama government, but the United States government disclaimed responsibility for his remarks. Rainey continued the controversy for several years. Eventually a house committee, with Rainey as a

member, was appointed to go to the canal zone and investigate. The matter ended when Rainey in 1914 expressed satisfaction with the treaty between Colombia, former owner of the isthmus, and the United States. Proposed revisions or cancellations of war debts owed to the United States by European nations were vigorously opposed by Rainey in later years. The 1926 debt agreement with France and Italy received especial opposition from him. In the course of his debate on the Italian agreement he denounced Mussolini. He charged that Mussolini was building up an expensive army for colonial conquests and was heading for war. His position was modified in 1932 and 1933, when he said that he was willing to have the debts revised again if compensating tariff reductions and concessions were made abroad."

The only interruption to Mr. Rainey's service in congress came through the republican landslide of 1920, but in 1922 he was returned with an increased majority, and the culmination of his congressional career came when in 1933 he was chosen speaker of the house, in which connection he enjoyed a position of power next only to that of the president. The new speaker found himself confronted with an unprecedented legislative program. Among the situations before him were the bank holiday, the return of beer, the amendment to abolish the eighteenth amendment, the granting of powers to the president to slash government expenditures, the abandonment of the gold standard, currency inflation, farm relief, and a huge program of public works for unemployment relief. These matters were before congress in rapid succession but were pushed through so expeditiously that there were murmurs of "rubber stamp legislation." Nevertheless, Speaker Rainey held the house in line with a gentle but firm touch. Apparently he was never excited. During the darkest days of the depression he viewed the situation calmly. He always said that he relied upon the initiative and courage of the people to pull the country through.

It is a well known fact that Mrs. Rainey was closely associated with her husband in all of his political activities. She acted as his secretary, was familiar with the trend of events through their discussion of all political questions, and there are many who would like to see her become her husband's successor in the national legislature. Each summer they would return from Washington to Walnut Hill, where Mr. Rainey continued his work in the old red brick mansion beneath giant elms. Often boasting that he was never ill a day in his life, Mr. Rainey suffered an attack of bronchial pneumonia in August, 1934, and on the 19th passed away in DePaul Hospital in St. Louis. The funeral services were the most memorable event ever held in Carrollton. Men of eminence throughout the country gathered to pay their last tribute of honor and respect, including the president of the nation. Words of sorrow and grief were heard on every side and in every part of the country. Representative Snell of New York, minority leader, said: "He had the love and respect of all his colleagues in the house. He was a high type of man in every respect." Postmaster General Farley said: "He was speaker of the house during probably the most momentous time in our country's history and made a record that will be remembered for generations to come." Senator King of Utah voiced the opinion of many: "As a member of the democratic steering committee of the house, Speaker Rainey had most to do with the formation and execution of policies pertinent to the new deal. He was one of the nation's ablest men." Bruce A. Campbell, chairman of the Illinois democratic state committee, said: "The manner in which he handled the affairs of the house during the past session and during the most critical period of this nation's history will immortalize the name of Mr. Rainey as a parliamentarian."

Governor Horner expressed his opinion as follows: "All America is saddened upon the death of Speaker Henry T. Rainey. A valiant battler in the cause of the people is called from earthly service at the zenith of his career. The nation and the state of Illinois he so devotedly represented in congress mourn him, and at the same time hail the stupendous accomplishments for state and nation his great heart and brain have wrought during many years of unabated and matchless



public service. For the twenty-six years of his membership in congress he never has swerved from the ideals which have always dictated his course as a legislator. Illinois, always proud of him as one of the ablest members of the national legislature, has been even more so the past seventeen months when as speaker of the house of representatives he was a staunch ally and unselfish adviser of President Roosevelt in the national program so necessary to stimulate the nation in its progress on the road to recovery. He never faltered in his loyalty to his country. Exhausted from his incessant labors in congress, he fell—a martyr to the cause of country. Illinois is proud of the record which one of its most illustrious sons has made.”

President Roosevelt paid personal tribute by attending the funeral services, and to the press he said: “It must always be an occasion of national regret when a public servant, who has given the greater part of his life to unselfish service, passes away. This is especially true in the loss of Speaker Rainey at a time when the experience of many years has culminated in his unselfish leadership of the nation’s house of representatives. I had the privilege of knowing him first more than a score of years ago. I shall always think of him as a humanitarian whose fine patriotism was first in all of what he conceived to be the well-being and the interest of the common man. Through all the years he kept the spirit of youth and he will be missed profoundly by old and young alike.”

The name of Henry T. Rainey will ever be found on the pages of history, and so long as those who knew him remain, it will be found in the hearts of his friends. One who knew him long and well said: “The light of a most intensely human and conscientious smile flickered out with the passing of Speaker Henry T. Rainey of Carrollton! Its radiance will linger long, however, in the hearts of all who had close contact with that good and great man! Like a lion in the midst of battle, he was as gentle as a child when at ease with his friends or foes. Though a master parliamentarian and a fighter ever ready to cross swords with all comers, Henry T. Rainey was one of the most charming playmates we have ever known. He loved his farm. He loved Greene county and Carrollton. He loved Illinois and loved America. When assailed by foes the gentle sweetness of his spirit of forgiveness was a blessing and a benediction. Speaker Rainey bore no malice in his heart.”

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#### HON. LAWRENCE BEAUMONT STRINGER

One of the notable democrats of the state of Illinois, who has done much to enhance the prestige of the party, is the Hon. Lawrence Beaumont Stringer, of Logan county, who has had a conspicuous career in public life, having rendered outstanding service as a jurist, as a state and national legislator, as a speaker, and as a historian. He has long stood high in the ranks of democracy in Illinois and has been a candidate for governor, for United States senator and for justice of the supreme court.

Lawrence B. Stringer was born February 24, 1866, and is a son of Rev. Firth Stringer, whose demise occurred in 1917, and who was a clergyman in the Congregational Church. When he was only ten years of age, Lawrence B. Stringer came with his parents from New Jersey to Illinois, where he attended the public schools. In 1884, although it was necessary for him to earn his way to a higher education, he enrolled at Lincoln University, which is now Lincoln College of the James Millikin University. Mr. Stringer did reportorial work and set type on the local newspaper to defray his expenses, and in 1877 received his diploma, giving him the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He made his home in the city of Lincoln after his graduation and on December 18, 1890, was united in marriage to Miss Helen Pegram.

Mr. Stringer, on reaching young manhood, became inspired with the principles of the democratic party, and when only eighteen years of age made his

first speeches from the stump, during the presidential campaign of 1884. Like the Young Democratic clubs which now exist in many states, he was one of the First Voters' Clubs, and the democratic state committee recognized his ability by having him make many speeches as representing these fine organizations. The state committee, in 1887, when he had reached his majority, used him as a speaker in other states outside of Illinois. His first step into public office was in 1890, when he was nominated for the lower house of the Illinois legislature, and was elected. He had the distinction then of having been the youngest member of the thirty-seventh general assembly of Illinois. In this session, he gave valuable assistance to the coal miners of the state, and as a member of the committee on labor secured the passage of several bills of valuable aid to the workers. He was one of those who pioneered the Australian ballot. He was a member of the special legislative committee in 1891, which drafted much of the Australian ballot law which is now a part of the Illinois statutes. Likewise, in 1891, he was appointed to present the name of Gen. John M. Palmer to the legislature for the United States senate. Mr. Stringer was one of the "famous 101" who voted daily for eight weeks for General Palmer and obtained his election in the face of great opposition.

Mr. Stringer was re-elected in 1892 to the Illinois legislature, and in the succeeding session was chairman of the committee on education. In this period, he did important work in the interest of public instruction. He drafted and secured the passage of the compulsory educational law, which is one of the laws of the state at present.

In 1894 Mr. Stringer was made chief of division in the United States Pension Agency in Chicago, and this gave him the opportunity to take up the study of law in the Chicago College of Law, a course which he had earnestly contemplated for many years. He graduated in 1896, then took a post-graduate course in 1897, and received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Lake Forest University. In 1898 he began the practice of law in Lincoln, Illinois, and in 1900 was elected to the state senate. He was rising fast in the ranks of democracy at this time and, having been the democratic nominee for the presidency of the senate, became the minority leader in that body. In the same year, he accompanied William Jennings Bryan on the latter's presidential campaign through the middle western states.

In 1904 Mr. Stringer unanimously won the nomination of the democratic state convention for the governorship of Illinois, his opponent on the republican ticket being Charles S. Deneen, with whom he had been very friendly in the legislature. Governor Deneen, after his election, appointed Mr. Stringer judge of the state court of claims, and he was the incumbent during the entire eight years of Governor Deneen's administration.

In 1908 Mr. Stringer became the candidate for the democratic nomination for United States senator before the legislature. In the deadlock resulting, with William Lorimer, this nomination was a contest for several months, until the latter was named.

Mr. Stringer holds the honor of having been one of the staunchest adherents of Woodrow Wilson, and was one of the middle western leaders who first advocated him for the presidency in 1912. After advising with Governor Wilson, Mr. Stringer was one of those members of the party who organized a Wilson Bureau for the middle west, and he afterward traveled by train with Governor Wilson throughout Illinois, presenting him to the crowds at various stops. Mr. Stringer, at the Baltimore convention of 1912, was a personal assistant of William G. McCombs, and in this work did momentous service. He brought into harmony several disturbing factors at that time and was given credit for this by Mr. McComb in a public statement.

In 1912 the great popularity of Mr. Stringer was strikingly proved. He was nominated as congressman-at-large from Illinois to the sixty-third congress.

and was elected by a plurality of one hundred and ten thousand votes. And again his legislative work was important in national affairs. He was a member of a special committee of the committee on insular affairs, and helped in drafting the bill which subsequently became the new organic law of Porto Rico. Likewise, he assisted in passing more liberal laws for the Phillipine Islands. In this same session of congress, Mr. Stringer was strong in his support of the Federal Reserve Act, the Farm Loans Bank Act, the Rural Credits Act, and the Woman's Suffrage Amendment to the Constitution. On several occasions, he was temporary speaker of the House, and he was one of those who accompanied General Goethals on his inspection tour of the Panama Canal before the water was sent through the channel.

In 1915 Mr. Stringer was again a nominee for United States senator, and after a campaign of unusual effort, which impaired his health for a period, he was twice elected county judge of Logan county, Illinois, without opposition of any kind. He is now serving his fourth term in this office and has also been accorded many other honors. In 1921 James Millikin University conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, and he was the democratic nominee for Justice of the Supreme Court in 1924. Educational matters have greatly interested Judge Stringer and he is a trustee of two colleges. He has also been much in demand as a speaker on public and civic questions. Historical writing and research have been occupations close to his heart, and during the past fifteen years he has been engaged in much original research on the life of Abraham Lincoln, on which subject he is generally considered as one of the country's authorities. Judge Stringer enjoys the reputation of having accomplished much during his career in public life, and his record is one of those which Illinois Democracy is proud to inscribe.

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#### CHARLES BOESCHENSTEIN

Charles Boeschenstein was born in Madison county and is descended from Swiss ancestry, the first of the family having come to this country in 1839. The father, Charles Boeschenstein, Sr., came to Madison county in 1849 and before the days of railroads operated a stage line over the National trail between Highland and St. Louis. In 1861 he was elected justice of the peace and served in that capacity and in other positions of trust until his death in 1883. The mother was Louis Leder, whose parents were early settlers of what is known as Looking Glass prairie, south of Highland.

Charles Boeschenstein, the son, attended the public schools in Highland and Washington University, St. Louis. When fifteen years of age he was owner of a small printing outfit and developed his bent for the printing business in which his interest continued through many years with steady progress. He became owner August 20, 1881, of the Highland Herald, a weekly paper, and in a short time he supplanted the old Washington handpress with a cylinder press, which in those days was a real achievement in country journalism. The paper advocated an accomplishment of telephone communication between Highland and St. Louis. In January, 1883, he purchased the Edwardsville Intelligencer, with which he continued as publisher and editor until December 1, 1915. Issued first as a weekly, it became a twice a week and in 1901 a daily, and for many years was recognized as one of the substantial and influential journals of southern Illinois. The Intelligencer installed the first linotype and the first web perfecting press in Madison county. In 1882, Mr. Boeschenstein became a member of the Illinois Press Association and later he was chosen president.

Mr. Boeschenstein took an active and immediate interest in the development of his home city and county. He was elected Mayor in 1887 and during his two years' term made the first contract for lighting the city streets with electricity. He developed the plan for a water works system with the Mississippi river as a base of supply and in 1887 with others organized the Edwardsville Water Company, of which he was vice president and treasurer until 1917. He





CHARLES BOESCHENSTEIN



secured from Andrew Carnegie a donation for a library building which was erected in 1902, of which institution he has since been president. He became interested in securing an electric railway connecting Edwardsville and St. Louis and was director of the company which subsequently completed the line. He originated the plan and was president of the 1912 Madison County Centennial celebration, in commemoration of which the State of Illinois erected the splendid monument in the city park. He headed the movement and planning for Madison county's new court house which was erected in 1914, and aided the successful financing of the project.

His activities brought him into association with political leaders of the state. When the democratic state convention met in 1900 he was tendered by a party caucus the nomination of secretary of state, which he declined, and he was chosen as member of the democratic state central committee, on which he served twelve years, the first four as vice-chairman and the last eight as state chairman, and in 1912 he was chosen Illinois member of the democratic national committee, in which capacity he served twelve years until 1924. In 1913 he was a democratic nominee in the legislature for United States senator. Long weeks balloting and deadlock resulted in the election of his republican opponent.

Mr. Boeschstein began his banking career in 1897 as one of the organizers and director of the Madison County State bank, which in 1899 merged with the Bank of Edwardsville, of which he was a director and later vice-president. He organized the Edwardsville National Bank and Trust Company and since its opening July 21, 1917, has been its president. He is the Illinois member of the St. Louis Advisory Board of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

On November 10, 1892, Mr. Boeschstein married Bertha Whitbread of Edwardsville. They have a daughter, Eleanor (Mrs. Frank Godfrey) and two sons, Harold and Charles Krome.

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#### HON. OTTO KERNER

Judge Otto Kerner, to whom has come the well merited distinction of being chosen attorney general of the state of Illinois, was born in Chicago, February 22, 1884. The public school system of the city accorded him his early educational opportunities, and after careful consideration of his future he decided to make the practice of law his life work, so that with this end in view he matriculated in the law department of Lake Forest University. Completing his course, he was admitted to the bar in 1905 and entered at once upon active practice, his close application, fidelity to the interests of his clients and ability to correctly apply legal principles to the points at issue gaining for him well merited success and advancement in his chosen field.

Judge Kerner's first public service was in 1911, when he was appointed prosecuting attorney by Mayor Carter H. Harrison. After serving for two years in that position he was elected an alderman of Chicago and remained a member of the city council through re-election for six years, or from 1913 until 1919. The Municipal Voters League said of him in 1915: "Otto Kerner rendered valuable services as chairman of the judiciary committee. He is a man of independence, honesty and intelligence." In 1919 the League said: "By reason of his high character, courage and experience, he is one of the most valuable aldermen." While still a member of the city council he was made a master in chancery of the circuit court, occupying that position from 1915 until 1927. In the latter year he was elected judge of the circuit court of Cook county and has since served on the bench in law, chancery, juvenile and criminal courts. In January, 1931, the supreme court of Illinois assigned him to the second division of the appellate court of Illinois, first district, in which office he continued until 1932, when he was elected attorney general of the state. He is now adding an important chapter to the legal history of the commonwealth through his efficient discharge of the responsibilities and duties that devolve upon him in this connection.

Judge Kerner is married and resides at River Forest, Illinois, with his wife, two daughters and a son. He belongs to the Illinois Athletic Club, the Oak Park Club and the Butterfield Country Club, while along strictly professional lines he has membership in the American, Illinois and Chicago Bar Associations. He has taken helpful part in the work of various charitable organizations and has always been actively interested in civic matters which have to do with the rights and opportunities of the individual and the benefit of the community at large.

#### CHARLES F. THOMPSON

Charles F. Thompson, now acting director of the Department of Conservation of Illinois, and resident of Chicago, also of Springfield in line with his official duties, is well known by reason of his extensive participation in the lumber and oil industries through many years and the outstanding success he has achieved in the many industrial ventures which he has undertaken. He is an adherent of the democratic party in Illinois, having been one of those leading Chicago industrialists who gave their support to Henry Horner for the governorship of the state.

Charles F. Thompson is a native Illinoisian, his birth having occurred in Lacon, August 13, 1864, and he is a son of Charles Francis and Elizabeth Henderson (Twells) Thompson. Mr. Thompson was reared in Logansport, Indiana, and had the opportunity of a high school education. In 1881 he went to Chicago and entered the lumber business as an accountant with Thompson Brothers & Company, which was the beginning of a really brilliant career in this industry. His progress began immediately and in 1884 he became associated with C. C. Thompson & Walkup Company as office manager, and in 1888 he was promoted to the secretaryship of the organization. In that year the company was reorganized as the C. C. Thompson Lumber Company, and Mr. Thompson became secretary and treasurer. This concern acquired large holdings of white pine timber in Bayfield county, Wisconsin, and engaged in the lumber manufacturing business at Washburn, Wisconsin. In 1898 the company was again reorganized as the Thompson Lumber Company, with Charles F. Thompson as the sole owner. He conducted the business until 1909, when the exhaustion of the timber supply compelled cessation of activities. In 1900 Mr. Thompson organized the Mississippi Lumber Company, which operated in Clarke county, Mississippi, but this he sold in 1917. In 1906 he became connected with the C. L. Gray Lumber Company, of Meridian, Mississippi, which company is still in existence and operating. He was president and manager of the Kingston Lumber Company at Laurel, Mississippi, from 1902 until 1905.

Mr. Thompson first became interested in petroleum production in 1893, and he became secretary and treasurer of the Henry Oil Company at Sistersville, West Virginia. He was also general manager and treasurer of the Alpha Oil Company, operating near Mannington, West Virginia, and general manager and treasurer of the Sterling Oil Company, which conducted its operations in Indiana. Mr. Thompson disposed of all his oil interests in 1910, and devoted his efforts to other lines of industrial and commercial activities. In Quitman, Mississippi, he organized the Bank of Quitman in 1902, and sold the property in 1919. He founded the Clerke County Tribune in 1902, sold the paper in 1907, and the publication is still being issued. From 1901 until 1917 he was vice president and later president of the Mississippi Eastern Railway Company. These numerous business enterprises undertaken by Mr. Thompson indicate the wide scope and character of his industrial career, and the strong initiative which he has manifested throughout this period.

The present position of Mr. Thompson as acting director of the Department of Conservation of the state is one for which he is particularly well fitted by his experiences in business and familiarity with the duties which are in his hands. He is also a member of the State Sanitary Water Board and of the Illinois State



Planning Commission. He is a collaborator in the United States Forest Service of the Agricultural Department, in charge of the C. C. C. camps in emergency conservation work in Illinois. Mr. Thompson is at present secretary and treasurer of the Crane Lake Preserve on the Illinois river.

In 1888 occurred the marriage of Charles F. Thompson and Emma M. Adams, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Adams of Chicago, Illinois. They became the parents of one daughter, Elizabeth A., who is the wife of Arthur P. O'Brien, secretary to Governor Horner of Illinois. Mrs. Thompson passed away in the year 1926.

In fraternal and club affairs, Mr. Thompson has been very prominently identified. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine, also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Chicago Athletic Association, of which he has been vice president and chairman of the house committee in 1921 and 1924, a director in 1922 and 1923, and president in 1925. Since 1901 he has belonged to the Flossmoor Country Club, of which he was a director from 1905 until 1926, president from 1911 to 1915 and in 1923, and chairman of the grounds committee from 1911 until 1928. He was secretary, treasurer and president of the Western Golf Association in 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1923, and was a member of the executive committee of the United States Golf Association in 1910.

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#### THOMAS REES

On September 9, 1933, occurred the death of Thomas Rees, one of the foremost newspapermen in the state of Illinois, for fifty-two years publisher of the Illinois State Register, and known as one of the strongest adherents of the democratic party in the state.

Thomas Rees was born in Allegheny, near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on May 13, 1850, and was a son of William and Mary (LaForge) Rees. While he was yet a child, Mr. Rees's parents moved to Iowa, where his father was engaged in newspaper publishing. When Thomas Rees was only nine years of age, his father died, and later, at thirteen years of age, began work in his brother's printing shop in Keokuk, Iowa. He remained there until 1869, learning the printing trade thoroughly, then spent two years in St. Joseph, Missouri, and in Nebraska. He was frugal, saved his money, and, having returned to Keokuk, in 1876 he entered into a partnership with John Gibbons, George Smith and Henry W. Clendenin in the purchase of the Keokuk Constitution. Judge Gibbons soon left the firm, and in 1881 the other partners sold the Constitution and in June purchased the Illinois State Register from the late Gen. John M. Palmer. George Smith, of the firm, died in 1885, and Mr. Rees and Mr. Clendenin became the owners. Mr. Rees's management of the Register was one of consummate skill. He was a talented newspaperman in every sense of the term, and built a first class newspaper upon a foundation which he first found to be crumbling. He was president of the Illinois Press Association in 1901-02; chairman of the advisory committee of the Associated Press in 1915; and an active member of the American Newspaper Publishers Association. He belonged to the Inland Daily Press Association and represented the publishers on the International Board of Arbitration in the adjustment of labor problems in 1906-07.

In the service of the democratic party, Thomas Rees was outstanding. From 1902 to 1906 he was state senator, and made a most commendable record as such. He was the author of the first good road laws of the state, was instrumental in bringing the state fair to Springfield permanently, and in obtaining the construction of the Arsenal, the Supreme Court building, and the Centennial building in the capital city. In 1913, he received an appointment from President Wilson to a committee in the interest of the Panama-Pacific Exposition held later in San Francisco. With this commission, Mr. Rees visited

France, Portugal, Spain, Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Roumania, and Servia, and held audiences with crowned heads and notables of these countries. In 1925, Mr. Rees made a trip around the world.

As an author, Mr. Rees also gained a reputation of high degree. His principal works were *Sixty Days in Europe*; *Cuba and Mexico*; *Egypt and the Holy Land*; *Our Travels in the Orient*; and *A Tour Around the World*.

In February, 1879, Mr. Rees was united in marriage to Flora Adelia Huston, daughter of L. W. Huston, of Keokuk, Iowa. Her death occurred in March, 1881. Mr. Rees was married secondly on July 17, 1901 to Miss Lou Hart of Gardner, Illinois, who passed away on November 28, 1930.

Recognition of the newspaper fame of Mr. Rees was given in October, 1934, when the Illinois Press Association, at their annual meeting, elected to include the name of Mr. Rees in the association's Hall of Fame at the University of Illinois. This was a fitting tribute to one of the state's greatest journalists and one of the democratic party's finest members.

### JOHN P. HOPKINS

In both industrial and political affairs of Chicago and Cook county, the late John P. Hopkins was a monumental figure, served as mayor of Chicago, and in many other ways achieved for himself a position of honor in the ranks of the democratic party. During his entire Chicago career he was an influential force in the party and in national politics, likewise, he exerted a strong force.

John P. Hopkins was born October 29, 1858 in Buffalo, New York, and was a son of John and Mary (Flynn) Hopkins. He attended St. Joseph's College of his native city until 1871, after which he was apprenticed for two and a half years to the David Bell Company, during which time he learned the trade of machinist. For two years thereafter he acted as weighmaster with the Evans Elevator Company, and then in December, 1880, he came to the city of Chicago. In March, 1881, he entered the employ of the Pullman Palace Car Company of this city, a short time later having been promoted to the position of timekeeper. Later he was again advanced, to paymaster, and retained this position until his resignation in September, 1888. This latter move was for the purpose of attending to the business of the Arcade Trading Company, which he had established in Pullman in 1885 and of which he was secretary. This business, under his astute management, was greatly enlarged and reorganized as the Secord & Hopkins Company. Eight stores were conducted by this concern. Mr. Hopkins' industrial and commercial holdings became very large during the later years of his life. He was the president of the Wisconsin & Michigan Railroad and a director of the Chicago & Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company.

As noted in a preceding paragraph, Mr. Hopkins began to take an active part in democratic politics immediately after his arrival in Chicago in the winter of 1880. He organized the annexation movement and conducted the campaign which resulted in the annexation of Hyde Park, Lake, Cicero, Jefferson and Lake View to the city proper. In 1894-95, Mr. Hopkins was mayor of Chicago, having been elected to fill the unexpired term of the senior Carter H. Harrison. He was chairman of the democratic campaign committee in 1890-91-92; vice chairman of the national (gold) democratic committee in 1896 and chairman of the democratic state committee from 1901 until 1904. He was a delegate to the national conventions of 1892, 1900 and 1904. He was one of the organizers and president for four years of the Cook County Democratic Club.

Aside from his political and business activities, Mr. Hopkins was prominent socially and fraternally in Chicago and Cook county. His religious faith was that of the Roman Catholic Church, and he was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He held membership in the Chicago Athletic Club, the Washington Park Club, the Columbus Club, and the Sheridan Club, and also belonged to the Chicago Historical Society and the Chicago Art Institute.



JOHN P. HOPKINS





## J. LEROY ADAIR

J. Leroy Adair, member of congress from the fifteenth district of Illinois, has had broad legislative experience and as a lawyer and lawmaker ranks among the representative residents of the state. Mr. Adair was born near Coatsburg, Illinois, February 23, 1887, and is a member of one of the old pioneer families of the state. His grandfather, Joel Adair, came to Adams county from Kentucky in 1834, settling near Coatsburg, and he married Martha Hester, who came from Tennessee about the same time. Their son, Henry L. Adair, was a farmer and stockman of Clayton, Illinois, who passed away in 1929. He married Sarah E. Pevehouse, who is still living, making her home in Clayton. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Pevehouse, who came to Illinois in 1829 from Kentucky, settling in Brown county.

Thus in both the paternal and maternal lines J. Leroy Adair represents families long resident in this state. He was but three years of age when his parents removed from the vicinity of Coatsburg to Clayton, Illinois, where at the usual age he entered the public schools, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school. He next attended Illinois College at Jacksonville and he prepared for his professional career as a student in the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated in 1911, receiving his law degree. In the same year he married Miss Maude E. Gruber and located for the practice of law in Muskogee, Oklahoma. In 1913 he returned to Quincy, where he opened an office, and through the succeeding period has been a member of the bar of this city. In 1914 he was elected city attorney and made so excellent a record in that position that in 1916 he was elected states attorney of Adams county, filling the office for four years and then again from 1924 until 1928. In the latter year he was elected to the Illinois state senate and served until 1932, when he was elected to the United States congress as representative from the fifteenth Illinois district. He has been associated with much important state and national legislation and his support of any measure is indicative of a firm faith in its efficacy as a factor in good government.

Mr. Adair is a member of the Masonic lodge, the Elks, Eagles, Moose, Modern Woodmen and of the Rho Sigma Rho, a national honorary debating society. He likewise has membership in the Congregational Church of Quincy.

## ARTHUR ROE

Arthur Roe, who was one of the distinguished leaders of the Illinois legislature, served as speaker of the house of representatives. His opinions carry weight in party councils and his efforts in support of democracy have been untiring, far-reaching and resultant.

Mr. Roe was born on a farm in Fayette county, Illinois, July 18, 1878, and is of Revolutionary war descent. His great-great-grandfather was Hezekiah Roe, a native of Ireland, whence he came to America in colonial days, landing in New York, where he was married. He had a family of seven sons. He was living in the east when the colonies threw off the yoke of British tyranny and he joined the army. In later years the government granted him a pension and his last pension voucher was cashed in Greenville, Illinois, for he had removed to this state some years previously. He met a tragic death, for the team which he was driving became frightened, started to run and threw him, resulting in his demise. His grandson, William Roe, was the father of Ezekiel Roe, who married Miss Nancy J. Browning, whose father and mother had come to Illinois in pioneer times, driving an ox-team from Tennessee.

Arthur Roe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Roe, attended the Browning and Rush Creek schools in Fayette county and afterward graduated from Vandalia high school and from Illinois University School of Law. He at once began to practice his profession in Vandalia, where he became a partner of J. M. Albert, a former state's attorney of Fayette county. This association was maintained for

five years, after which Mr. Roe practiced alone, giving his undivided attention to the interests of his clients was elected city attorney. He was next called to office when he became master in chancery, a position which he occupied until he was elected to the general assembly and was appointed minority leader in the house when the republicans were in power in the fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth legislatures. On one occasion he was the unsuccessful candidate for state's attorney. For four years he served as precinct committeeman and was then elected chairman of the county central committee, in which capacity he served for several years. He has always been an active party worker, has attended all state conventions in recent years and in April, 1932, was elected a delegate to the national convention. His activity in the ranks of the democratic party has made him widely known throughout the state and his course has ever won him the highest regard of all of his associates. In the legislature he ever stood for progress and advancement, his name being closely associated with the passage of many bills which have been of direct benefit to the commonwealth. He sponsored the bill which resulted in the establishment of the penal farm for minor offenders. He now practices law at Vandalia in what was at one time the old capitol of Illinois and which had been deeded to the city and was used as a courthouse. Mr. Roe introduced the bill which brought about the reconveyance of the building to the state and it is now one of the old historic shrines of Illinois. His influence has been a potent factor in bringing about the big cut in expenditures for which the democratic administration is justly noted—a reduction that in two years has amounted to four million, three hundred and eighty-five thousand, three hundred and eight dollars, or fourteen and six-tenths per cent. The Assembly Bulletin contains the following:

"A highly creditable feature of Mr. Roe's service as speaker was the large reduction that he effected in the operating expenses of the house. By concerted effort, in which he had the cooperation of the house committee on contingent expenses, the working expenses of the house for the 1933 regular session were cut about twenty-three per cent, thereby saving eighteen thousand, seven hundred and twenty-three dollars in comparison with the operating expenses at the 1931 regular session. According to figures furnished by the state auditor the working expenses of the house at the last two regular sessions were as follows:

	1933	1931
House Payrolls .....	\$53,141	\$66,337
Committee Expenses .....	3,099	10,768
Incidental Expenses .....	7,627	5,485
	<hr/> \$63,867	<hr/> \$82,590

Representative Laurence F. Arnold, chairman of the house committee on contingent expenses, in response to our inquiry as to how this reduction was made, said: "The Speaker deserves great credit for his constant insistence upon economy. At the beginning, the members of our contingent expense committee met with Speaker Roe and decided upon a reduced number of house employes; the salary of practically every employe was reduced in fair proportion; and it was decided that they should be paid for only six days a week, instead of seven, as had been the custom. Furthermore, most of the employes were not placed on the payroll at the outset, but were started approximately February 1st, when the house had begun to function. Later those not needed were discontinued instead of being carried on the payroll until the session ended. These economies were vigorously adhered to." As a matter of background it is worth noting that the operating expenses of the house at the 1927 session, during Governor Small's loose administration, ran up to one hundred and thirty-two thousand, five hundred and sixty-one dollars."

Mr. Roe has been advised that he will be appointed United States district attorney for the eastern district of Illinois, January 1, 1935.

Mr. Roe has been married twice. On the 5th of June, 1905, he wedded Clarabelle Grigg, of Greenville, Illinois, who passed away April 27, 1911. On

the 18th of June, 1917, he married Elsie O'Neil McGrue, then a resident of Springfield, but a native of Waukegan, Illinois. They attend the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Roe belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Elks lodge at Pana. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Vandalia and is interested in every project and measure which promotes the welfare of his home community as well as the interests of the state. He is a very enthusiastic hunter and when in high school and in college was a member of the football teams and has never lost his interest in the game. A man in middle life, at the height of his powers, and actuated by that spirit of Americanization which believes in living, not talking, America, he is accomplishing much for his commonwealth, the beneficial results of his labors being felt by every citizen of the state.

#### THOMAS M. JETT

Thomas M. Jett, of Hillsboro, Montgomery county, whose record as a lawyer and lawmaker reflects credit upon the history of Illinois, is serving as circuit judge of the fourth circuit for the fifth successive six-year term, having been first elected to the bench in 1909. His judicial record is unassailable and in the discharge of his official duties he has held to the highest standards of public service. He was born in Bond county, Illinois, on the 1st of May, 1862, his parents being Stephen J. and Nancy (Booher) Jett, who were natives of Virginia and North Carolina, respectively. They came to Illinois in the '50s and were married here. The father settled on a farm in Bond county and continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1891. He had long survived his first wife, who died in 1866. Judge Jett had three brothers, three half brothers and a half sister. Those of the family still living are his brothers, John W. and Stephen J., and his half sister, Mrs. Nancy Prater, who resides in Greenville, Bond county, Illinois.

Thomas M. Jett was a pupil in the public schools of Bond county until he entered Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he pursued his studies for two years. He then engaged in teaching in the rural schools for about three years, but a laudable ambition prompted him to take up the study of law and about 1886 he entered the office of Judge Phillips, who at that time was circuit judge. After a thorough and systematic course of reading our subject passed the required examination and was admitted to the bar in 1888. He began practice in Nokomis, where he remained until 1894, when he removed to Hillsboro. For eight years he filled the office of state's attorney and in that position, as in private practice, gave demonstration of his intimate and accurate knowledge of legal principles and his ability to apply these principles to the points in litigation. His training and experience as a lawyer well qualified him to act as a lawmaker, and for six years his district chose him to act as its representative in Congress. In 1909 he was elected circuit judge, in which office he has since continued, so that when his present term expires, in 1939, he will have been on the bench for three decades. Not only those of his own party but of the opposition party as well attest his loyalty and efficiency, and his frequent re-elections prove the confidence which the public entertains in him. During ten years of this time he has been on the appellate bench and is today regarded as one of the foremost representatives of the Illinois judiciary. He is now rounding out forty-four years of public service and expects to retire, an act which his co-workers will regret.

In 1889 Judge Jett was united in marriage to Miss Mollie Clotfelter, a daughter of James W. and Doris (Bost) Clotfelter, the former a farmer and stock raiser. Judge and Mrs. Jett are the parents of two children, Ross W. and Marian C. The Judge is a loyal follower of Masonic teachings, belonging to the blue lodge in Hillsboro, the Royal Arch chapter in Pana and the commandery in Litchfield. He is also connected with the Hillsboro Country Club, and his membership association with the Presbyterian Church indicates the rules which have governed his life and shaped his character, making him a man among men, honored and respected by all who know him.



## CLAYTON F. SMITH

Clayton F. Smith, county recorder of Cook county, was born in the city of Chicago, April 11, 1875, his parents being George and Carrie Smith. He obtained a public school education, supplemented by study in a business college and began his public career as a city civil service employe in 1900, holding positions in the various departments of the city until appointed vice president of the board of local improvements in 1911 by Carter H. Harrison, then mayor. For three years he acted in that capacity and then resigned his position to accept an appointment from President Peter Reinberg of the county board as administrative head of the County Hospital, and in the position of warden he attracted widespread and favorable attention. For five years he labored untiringly to place this greatest humanitarian institution in the great metropolitan district of Chicago upon its present high plane of efficiency and service to the public.

As warden of the County Hospital, the characteristic qualities of tactfulness, unfailing courtesy and patient understanding of the problems of the plain people which distinguish Clayton F. Smith as a public official today, first came to public attention. As a result he has never been defeated for any office to which he has aspired. The Cook County Hospital, with its perpetual problem of caring for many more unfortunate victims of accident and disease than can reasonably be accommodated, is an administrative job for which few men in public life possess the necessary widely diversified qualifications and experience. The warden must measure up to the most exacting tests any executive in public office may be called upon to meet. He must be a broad-gauged business man, a humane and sympathetic student of hospitalization and above all an intelligent director of staff.

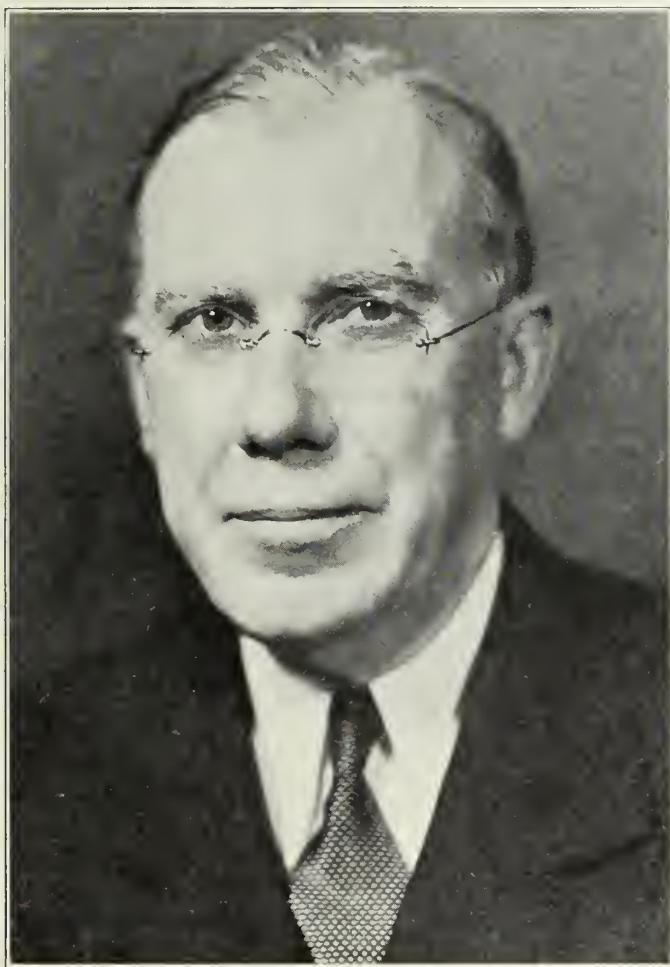
Clayton F. Smith made such a remarkable record in the position that upon his retirement as warden to become the democratic nominee for city treasurer in 1917, every Chicago newspaper paid tribute to his record and expressed regret at his retirement. Elected city treasurer for the first term, Mr. Smith immediately set to work to put Chicago upon a cash basis so far as meeting disbursements was concerned and as a result all municipal obligations were discharged every thirty days, including pay rolls and expenditures for supplies and materials purchased by the city.

Intervening between his first and second terms as city treasurer, Mr. Smith was sent to the city council as alderman of his home ward. His colleagues in the council immediately recognized his ability and unusual qualifications by selecting him for membership on the finance committee, an unprecedented assignment for a new alderman.

During the Dever administration from 1923 to 1927, Mr. Smith was second in command of the city's huge department of public works. As deputy commissioner in that office, Clayton F. Smith's tested capacity for public administration came into full play. Upon the deputy devolves most of the administrative authority of the department and for four years he discharged the duties of the position in characteristic fashion.

In the administration of Mayor Dever a vast amount of public projects linked with the Chicago Plan and begun under previous municipal administrations were carried to completion. As a candidate for re-election in the mayoral campaign of 1927, the late Mayor Dever dwelt particularly upon the high degree of administrative efficiency attained and maintained by the department of public works under Colonel Sprague's and Clayton F. Smith's direction. He pointed with particular pride to the fact that "not one breath of scandal" attached at any time to the management of the great municipal department which disburses most of the budgetary funds appropriated annually by the Chicago city council.

As the democratic nominee for recorder in 1928 and 1932, Mr. Smith polled almost a million votes at each of the elections. Reduction in the ex-



CLAYTON F. SMITH





penditures of the recorder's office was commenced by Clayton F. Smith as soon as he had a voice in the cost of its operation and long before civic bodies insisted upon the reduction of governmental expenses. The appropriation for the operation of the recorder's office in 1928, the year before Mr. Smith took office, was in excess of \$1,200,000.00, as compared with his voluntary reduced appropriation of \$546,976.44 for 1934. A further reduction of over \$100,000.00 was made in the cost of operating the recorder's office by voluntarily introducing economies which made it possible to operate this office at a sum of \$100,000.00 below the appropriation allowed by the county board during his incumbency.

Mr. Smith's public service has had the endorsement and support of nearly every Chicago newspaper and practically every civic organization. In the editorial comments of the Chicago newspapers, it has been said that Mr. Smith has served "with distinction as a member of the board of local improvements, as warden of the County Hospital, as city treasurer and as deputy commissioner of public works," and that his record as recorder is "excellent," and more recently that he is "a consistent champion of economy."

His enviable administrative record was the contributing factor in receiving the endorsement by the Cook county democratic committee for the nomination for the office of president of the county board and member of the county board of commissioners. His election will result in his bringing to that board a wealth of governmental experience with a background that insures confidence and dependability.

On the 27th of June, 1901, Mr. Smith married Mayme Paschen, of Chicago, and they reside at 2703 Logan boulevard.

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#### JOHN ADAM WIELAND

John Adam Wieland, who received the democratic nomination in April, 1934, for state superintendent of public instruction in Illinois and was elected on November 6, 1934, has long been prominently identified with the educational interests of this commonwealth, and makes his home in Calumet City, Cook county. He was born in a log house in Clark county, Illinois, March 19, 1892, a son of Fred A. and Sarah Helen (Lutz) Wieland. He was always ambitious to gain a liberal education and was graduated from the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College at Charleston, having won a scholarship in the grammar schools that entitled him to pursue his further studies there. In 1926 he received his Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Education of the University of Illinois, and he is likewise a graduate of the Graduate School of the University of Illinois, which conferred upon him the Master of Science degree in 1929. He majored in undergraduate work in history and government and in education and at the same time pursued a course in English. His home during the period of his boyhood and youth was in Clark county, but in 1911, when nineteen years of age, he removed to Charleston, Coles county, Illinois. From his home town came Francis G. Blair, the former state superintendent of public instruction, whose work and example had been an inspiration to the younger man.

Throughout his active career Mr. Wieland has engaged in teaching, his entire course marked by continuous progress. For two years he was teacher in a one-room school in Coles county and then had charge of a two-room school in the same county for five years. For three years he was connected with a high school as assistant principal, this school maintaining a four-year course. At Bradley, Illinois, he occupied the position of superintendent of schools for three years and acted as principal of the high school and superintendent of the grades. Since 1928 he has been superintendent of the Calumet City School District 155. Those who have watched his career have noted his achievements, whereby he has come prominently to the front as an educator, and it was by reason of his pronounced ability that he was made the nominee of his party for

the position of state superintendent of public instruction, to which office he was elected.

In 1919 Mr. Wieland was married to Miss Grace Watkins, of Charleston, Illinois, who died in 1928, leaving a daughter, Alice Earl. In 1929 Mr. Wieland wedded Miss Harriet G. Johnson, of Kaukaee, and they have one son, John Albert, who was born in 1930. Both wives of Mr. Wieland had formerly been school teachers.

Mr. Wieland belongs to the Masonic lodge and is a member of the Methodist Church. His military service covers a creditable record in the World war, as he was on active duty in the English channel with the Naval Reserves. His college fraternities are the Kappa Phi Kappa and the Phi Delta Kappa. He belongs to the Illinois Schoolmasters Club, to the National Education Association and to the Illinois State Teachers Association. He was regional delegate to the White House conference in 1931, being one of the few members chosen from the middle west. There is often something in the ancestral history of an individual which indicates a family tendency that becomes manifest in the individual. To one familiar with the record of John A. Wieland it is not astonishing to learn that his forefathers were for generations students at Leipzig University, their trend being toward engineering, and the first railroad built in Brazil was constructed under the direction of Gottlieb Wieland, great-uncle of J. A. Wieland. Another uncle taught architecture and still another was a teacher of languages. In fact the Wielands were educators for generations and the strong mentality of the family has been handed down to John Adam, who was the first of the name to teach in the United States and the first of the family to gain prominence as an educator in this country. Mr. Wieland is a representative of the new views and ideas concerning public school education whereby democracy may be based upon a higher level of intelligence for the great mass of the people. He believes in abandoning the outworn and obsolete methods and is a specialist in the field of public school mental tests and child accounting.

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#### EDWARD J. BARRETT

Edward J. Barrett, who is now auditor of public accounts for the state of Illinois, has, while a man young in years, achieved outstanding success in political and public life, which is not only a distinct credit to his own ability, intelligence and character, but a most commendable example to the thousands of young democrats in the state who are striving to raise the party to the heights and succeeding.

Edward J. Barrett is a native of Chicago, where his birth occurred March 10, 1900. He attended the public schools of that city until he was seventeen years of age, when he answered the call to the colors from his country. He enlisted in the 131st Infantry and with this unit he went to France, where he served until the end of the war. Having returned to the United States after the close of hostilities he continued his studies at Spaulding Institute and then completed his courses at Mayo College, from which institution he received a Bachelor of Science degree. For a number of years afterward Mr. Barrett engaged in business pursuits, made many friends, and took an active part in democratic affairs, altogether creating for himself a reputation which was well merited. With the desire to enter public life, he announced himself as a candidate for state treasurer of Illinois, was nominated and elected in 1930. Not only was Mr. Barrett then the youngest treasurer in the country, but he was the youngest man ever to be elected to this important position in Illinois. In his subsequent conduct of the responsible duties given to him he fully justified the confidence of the voters in every way, manifesting real ability and knowledge of his work. The inevitable result was rapidly mounting popularity and in 1932 he was elected auditor of public accounts for the state, which office he now

fills. The prestige which Mr. Barrett has acquired is something he has earned himself, not a matter of political favoritism.

Mr. Barrett was married in May, 1930, to Miss Lucille Dallas.

In the American Legion, Mr. Barrett has been very active and he is likewise a loyal member of the Disabled American Veterans of the World war, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Thirty-third Division War Veterans Association. He holds membership in the Illinois Athletic Club and numerous social and fraternal organizations.

### HON. LOTT RUSSELL HERRICK

Among those democrats of Illinois who have reached a position of eminence in the law is the Hon. Lott Russell Herrick, of Farmer City, who is now Supreme Court justice from the third district of the state, and who has had a notable career for many years and holds a position of exceptional merit in the ranks of the party. Since 1894, he has been a member of the DeWitt county bar.

Mr. Justice Herrick was born in Farmer City on the 8th of December, 1871, and is a son of Capt. George W. and Dora O. (Knight) Herrick. Going back along the paternal line, his grandfather, Lott Herrick, was born in New York state, of English and Irish descent, and was a pioneer settler in the state of Indiana. In DeKalb county of the Hoosier state, George W. Herrick, father of the immediate subject of this sketch, was born on October 6, 1839. He was reared in Indiana, then entered the University of Michigan. However, he abandoned his studies in that institution for the purpose of joining the Union army. He was first in Company D of the Fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry and subsequently became captain of Company E of the Fifty-first Missouri Volunteer Infantry. In 1864, he resumed his studies at the University of Michigan, but the call to the colors was too strong and he re-enlisted, and served until the close of the war. In 1868, Captain Herrick came to Illinois and for a little over one year taught in the public schools of Farmer City. In 1870, he started in the practice of law and for over thirty years was a conspicuous member of the bar of DeWitt county. His death occurred in an automobile accident in his home town on July 20, 1904. The captain was a devout democrat during his life, was a member of the Illinois State and the DeWitt County bar associations, also the Grand Army of the Republic. On September 2, 1853, he was united in marriage to Dora O. Knight, whose birth occurred in Pleasant City (Farmer City), Illinois. She was a daughter of Robert R. and Mary (Huddleston) Knight. Capt. George W. and Dora O. Herrick became the parents of the following children: Lott R.; Blanche, deceased, who was the wife of George Wilson of Farmer City; Dwight O.; Hope, deceased, who was married to John E. Henry; George D. Wirt; and Wayne D.

Lott Russell Herrick went through the local schools of Farmer City, then matriculated at the University of Illinois, in which institution, as a matter of interest, it may be noted that all of his brothers and sisters attended at one time or another. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1892, and immediately entered the law department of the University of Michigan and received his legal degree in 1894. He then became associated with his father in the practice of law in Farmer City under the firm name of Herrick & Herrick and so continued until 1904, when the senior member met with his unfortunate accident. Justice Herrick carried on the practice alone thereafter; in 1905 established an office in Clinton, the county seat, and in 1913 his brother joined him there. They again took the firm title of Herrick & Herrick, so well-known over this section of the state.

Mr. Justice Herrick has always been a staunch member of the democratic party. During the period of 1902-04, he was county judge of DeWitt County. He was city attorney for Farmer City, and represented such big interests as the Illinois Central Railroad, the Big Four, and the Illinois Terminal System



Railways. Exceptional honor was accorded to his ability and record in the law on June 5, 1933, when he was elected to the Supreme Court of Illinois, the highest honor in the state for one of his profession. He has rendered most commendable service in this tribunal and has fully justified the recognition given him.

Mr. Justice Herriek was married April 2, 1896 to Miss Harriett Helen Swigart, who was born on a farm near Farmer City, and was a daughter of Jacob Swigart, prominent farmer and financier of the county. Two daughters were born to their union, both of whom graduated from the University of Illinois. Mildred, the oldest, who was the wife of Ralph McClelland of Hinsdale, Illinois, died April 14, 1933. Helen, the younger, is married to James G. Thomas of Champaign, Illinois.

Mr. Justice Herriek is a member and president of the board of education of the Moore Township high school. He belongs to the Sigma Chi, the Phi Delta Phi, and the Phi Beta Kappa fraternities, and likewise to the Masonic, Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks lodges.

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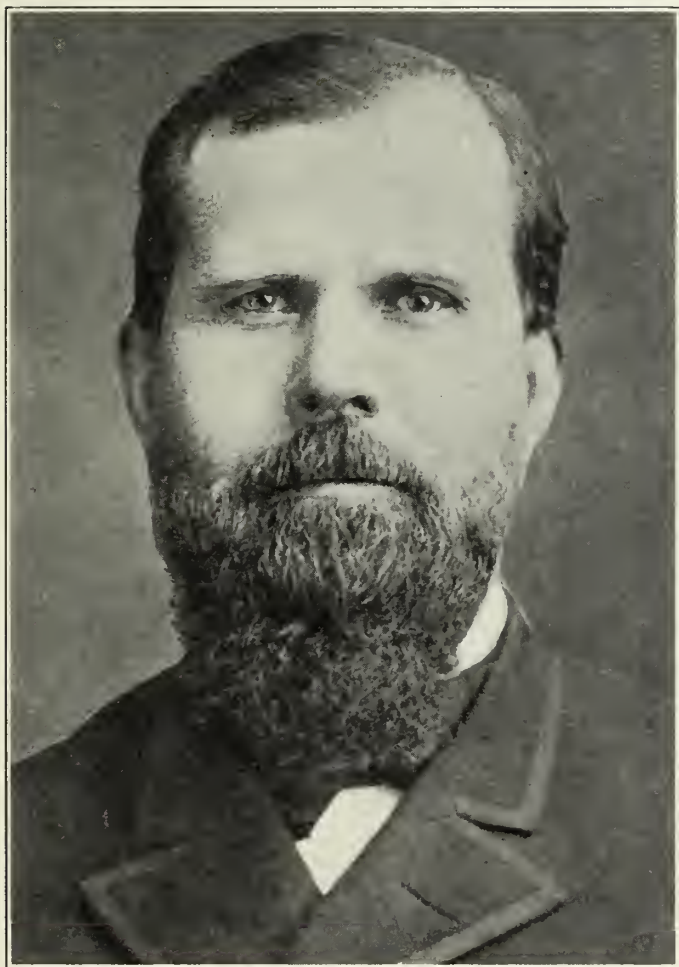
### SAMUEL S. MARSHALL

There are men whose memories are always green in the minds of those who knew and loved them; whose personalities, as well as their character, legal and executive ability, and patriotism, are so vivid that the recollection of them is fadeless; men of whom we cannot say, "They are dead," because their life still throbs in the hearts of the people of their state and nation. Samuel S. Marshall, for many years prominent in legal and political affairs of his county and state and who still lives as one of the most outstanding characters in the history of Illinois and America; whose name and record can never be forgotten, especially in the ranks of the democratic party, was possessed of a clear, discerning judgment on all public matters. He was thoroughly familiar with all the needs of the state and nation. He knew men. His genial manner, his kindly temperament, his constant effort never to wound the feelings of others made him hosts of friends in all walks of life.

Samuel S. Marshall, of McLeansboro, Illinois, was born March 12, 1821, near Shawneetown, Gallatin county, Illinois, and was a son of Daniel and Sophia (Walker) Marshall, both of whom were natives of Armagh county in the north of Ireland, where they were married. They were from Norman Scotch ancestry, which has furnished so many sturdy patriots and able men to the American nation. The original spelling of the name was La Marehail and the founder of the family, William the Marshall came to England with the Norman Conqueror. They came to the United States in 1818 and settled in Gallatin county, to which county two of Daniel Marshall's brothers, John and Samuel, had already come. Daniel Marshall came to Hamilton county about 1825, and located in McLeansboro, where he engaged successfully in mercantile pursuits. Politically, he was originally a Jackson democrat, but in the Harrison campaign he became a whig, with which party he acted until it ceased to exist. He was clerk of Hamilton county for four years. During the Civil war he was an ardent advocate of the Union cause and died shortly after the close of hostilities. He was a son of Samuel and Sarah (Scott) Marshall. The father died in Ireland but Mrs. Sarah Marshall accompanied her son Daniel to the United States and is buried at Shawneetown, Illinois. Both he and his wife were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Daniel and Mrs. Marshall were the parents of three sons and four daughters, who grew to maturity. Those living (1887) were John W., Samuel S., Mrs. Elizabeth Milliard, Mrs. Isabelle Heard and Mrs. Jemima O'Neal. Daniel Marshall was married the second time to Miss Sarah Holmes, by whom he had one daughter, Edith M., who became the wife of C. M. Wiseman of McLeansboro, Illinois.

The subject of this sketch was reared to manhood in Hamilton county.





SAMUEL S. MARSHALL



He spent two years at Cumberland College, now known as Cumberland University, at Princeton, Kentucky, but his advancement in knowledge was due more to his assiduous private study than to educational facilities. He began reading law in 1842 with Judge Henry Eddy of Shawneetown, his cousin by marriage. Having been licensed by the supreme court to practice in Illinois courts, he opened an office in McLeansboro, Illinois, and had immediate success. In 1846 he was elected to the lower house of the legislature and, though its youngest member, took a most active part in all its proceedings and deliberations. In March, 1847 he was unanimously elected by the legislature as state's attorney for the third judicial district, comprising the counties of Marion, Jefferson, Hamilton, Williamson, Jackson, Union, Alexander, Pulaski, Massac, Pope, Hardin, Gallatin and Saline. In one of these counties, Massac, the people were openly organized in resisting the enforcement of laws and in another, Pope, there was considerable trouble. In Massac county bands of regulators had been formed to drive out a set of thieves, but at length bad men joined the regulators and two factions were formed, the regulators and the "flatheads". To meet this condition the legislature passed a special act in session in 1847 by which the entire third judicial circuit was made a trial district for trial, and thus with a fearless prosecutor the troubles soon ceased, the law was again supreme and society resumed its wonted peace.

After serving two years as states attorney Mr. Marshall declined a reelection and resumed the practice of law. In March, 1851, he was elected over the late C. H. Constable of Mt. Carmel, Illinois, as judge of the seventh judicial circuit, then newly created and composed of the counties of Marion, Jefferson, Hamilton, Franklin, Saline, Gallatin, White, Wabash, Edwards and Wayne. He resigned in 1854 to accept the position of representative in congress from the ninth congressional district. He was reelected in 1856, but in 1858, not being a candidate, he was succeeded by John A. Logan (democrat) and Mr. Marshall in 1859 resumed the practice of law. In 1861 he was elected judge of the twelfth judicial circuit and served until 1864, when he resigned and was elected a member of the thirty-ninth congress. He was afterward reelected to congress four times, serving from 1865 to 1875. In that time he served on nearly all of the leading committees. He took an active part in debates on national questions, especially the tariff. In 1860 he represented the democratic party for the state at large in the Charleston convention, which failed to nominate a candidate for the presidency, also in the Baltimore convention which nominated Stephen A. Douglas. In 1864 he was a member of the Chicago convention which nominated George B. McClellan for president and was a member of the committee on resolutions. In 1866 he represented the democracy of the state at large. He was a member of the consulting convention at Philadelphia, which had for its object the determination of the proper course of the democratic party regarding the difficulties then existing between President Andrew Jackson and the republican party. In 1880 he was a member representing democracy for the state at large in the Cincinnati convention which nominated General Hancock for president and was chairman of the Illinois delegation in that convention. When Lyman Trumbull was elected by the Illinois legislature to the United States senate, Mr. Marshall received the votes of all the democratic members of the legislature for that position, though not a candidate, absent from the capital, and without any knowledge on his part until after the vote. While in congress he was at one time a candidate for speaker of the house.

Mr. Marshall was reared in the Presbyterian faith. He accumulated a comfortable competency, owning over two thousand acres of good Illinois farming land, besides considerable city property. He died January 26, 1890. After leaving congress he practiced law during the remainder of his life.

Honorable in purpose, fearless in conduct, Samuel S. Marshall stood for many years as one of the most eminent and valued of Illinois men. A staunch democrat, the memory of his life remains as an inspiration and a benediction to those who knew him best, and not only by those who were privileged to enjoy

his personal friendship, but by hosts of others who never saw him but will hold his name in reverence as the high-minded state and national executive, and as a public-spirited citizen faithful to his many trusts. His memory will long be cherished, but all will be remembered as the incorruptible statesman who held his high office as a sacred charge and "Who never sold the truth to serve the hour."

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#### MARTIN A. BRENNAN

Martin A. Brennan, of Bloomington, Illinois, has for over thirty years rendered valuable public service to the state and is now Illinois congressman-at-large. He has represented his constituents in a manner which has won for him the entire confidence and admiration of those whom he represents, and he has labored consistently and most effectively for their interests while in public office.

Martin A. Brennan was born in Bloomington, Illinois, September 21, 1879, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Brennan, both deceased. He first attended the public schools of his home community, then studied for the bar, the profession which appealed to him and in the practice of which he has indicated rare ability. He began practice in Bloomington and at the same time began to take an active part in democratic politics. Not for personal gain did he enlist in the service of his party, but for the good of his fellow citizens and his belief in the Jeffersonian principles of governmental administration. Very soon, his adaptability to this type of work was recognized and he was appointed a member of the democratic state central committee. In 1913 Governor Dunne appointed him to his first public office, that of presiding judge of the Illinois court of claims, and in this position he remained, with much credit to himself, for four years.

In the year 1921 the leaders of Mr. Brennan's district prevailed upon him to be a candidate for the legislature in the twenty-sixth senatorial district. He was successful at the polls, and later, in the fifty-second and the fifty-third Illinois general assemblies, he advocated and worked for many bills of importance, particularly in agricultural matters. He understood the problems of the Illinois farmer, and knew the proper remedies, insofar as the laws of the state could operate, and consequently he bent every effort to promote these remedial measures. This work met with the favor of the farmers of his district, and in 1928 he was named as the head of the Illinois Agricultural League, which championed the rights of the farmer and democracy in the presidential campaign for that year.

On November 8, 1932, Mr. Brennan was elected congressman-at-large and his campaign in 1934 gave certain assurance on the strength of his fine record in the preceding session of the lower house of congress. He was reelected by a large majority on November 6, 1934. During the seventy-third Congress, he served with much credit on the committee on foreign affairs.

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#### WALTER A. TOWNSEND

Few men in Illinois have wider acquaintance with the democrats of their state than Walter A. Townsend.

For many years editor and publisher of *The Springfield Record*, a daily known for its stalwart democracy, and as director of the *Springfield News Record*, on the consolidation of those papers in 1915, he acquired not only long and intimate view of doings at the state capitol but a reputation as a forceful editorial writer.

Born near Marblehead, Essex county, Massachusetts, of English parentage, he was educated in schools of Boston and later at Truro, Cornwall, England, and the City of London college of the University of London.

His earlier newspaper training included reportorial, copy-reading and edi-



torial experience in Hartford, Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis and other metropolitan centers.

With one exception he has attended every democratic national convention since 1896 and virtually every Illinois democratic state convention in that period.

Active in the civic life of Springfield for three decades, in 1910 he was named by the Sangamon county court as one of the committee to superintend the changing of the government of his city from the aldermanic to the commission form.

In 1912 he was secretary of the Sangamon County Woodrow Wilson Committee and that same year was designated as a member of the Democratic National Publicity Committee for the Wilson-Marshall campaign.

As a member of the Resolutions Committee of the Peoria Convention of 1912 he helped draft the platform on which, for the first time in twenty years, the democratic state nominees were elected.

In 1913 he was named as a member of the Russell Sage Foundation Committee and two years later, as chairman of the Citizens' Committee, directed a successful campaign for Springfield mayoral and other candidates.

In 1915 he was named as democratic member of the Springfield Civil Service Commission—the only appointive office he has held.

In 1917 he was assigned to direct publicity in all the governmental and allied drives of the war period, throughout central Illinois. A writer of poetry of considerable merit, his poem "The Roads from Bethlehem," written for the Chicago Herald in December, 1917, and dedicated to the mothers of America, was very generally reproduced.

Having, at the time of consolidation of The Springfield Record with The Springfield News, signed a contract not to engage in the daily newspaper business in that city for a term of twenty years, he since has confined himself to special writing and general publicity.

In 1928 he was a successful nominee for member of the Sangamon County Board—one of the first democrats elected to that place from Capitol township in fifteen years.

In 1930, as chairman of the publicity division of the democratic state central committee, he directed the publicity in a campaign which resulted in victory for James Hamilton Lewis by approximately three-quarters of a million votes and of other party nominees by less pluralities.

In 1932 he was chosen chairman of the Sangamon county delegation to the democratic state convention by unanimous vote of the county convention.

In June and July of that year his special articles from the floor of the Chicago convention attracted wide attention, not only for their quality but because from the very beginning, he accurately forecasted the final outcome of that great gathering, not only as to nominees, but as to the platform adopted.

A member of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, of the board of directors of the Springfield Civic Orchestra and of several other civic and fraternal organizations, he was president of the Illinois Council of Lions Clubs from 1925 until 1928 and governor of the First District of Lions International in 1920 and 1930—the last governor having jurisdiction over all the Lions clubs of Illinois as, on his retirement, the district was divided into three subdivisions.

A confirmed advocate of international peace, he has served as secretary of the world court committee and, for several years, has been honorary field secretary for downstate Illinois of the World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches.

His anonymous entry, "Springfield, the Inspiring City", unanimously was selected by the three judges as the official slogan of Springfield from more than four thousand entries.

He is married and resides with his wife, Kathryne, and four children at 806 South Glenwood avenue, Springfield. His two boys, Richard and Mark, are

twenty-three and seventeen years, respectively; the girls, Nancy and Mary, being twenty-one and nineteen.

In this connection, a brief article contributed to a newspaper other than his own several years ago, is typical of the man: "No man can select his own birthplace, but any man can select his children's birthplace. I am proud of the fact that I selected Illinois as the birthplace of my boys and girls," he wrote.

### HON. CLAUDIUS ULYSSES STONE

With an outstanding record of three terms in Congress representing the Peoria district, as a lawyer of superior attainments, and now as master in chancery, the Hon. Claudius Ulysses Stone of Peoria, Illinois, is generally considered one of the foremost democrats of his generation in the state. He has been a devoted adherent of the party throughout his career. Almost without exception he has been a delegate to every state convention for thirty-two years and in 1924 he was a delegate to the national convention in New York.

Claudius U. Stone was born on a farm in Menard county, Illinois, May 11, 1879, and he is a son of William Lee and Johanna (Olson) Stone, who still reside at the homestead. Mr. Stone's great-grandfather came to Illinois in the early '20s and here took up a government grant. Mr. Stone's grandfather, William A. Stone, was a prominent farmer and extensive landowner.

Claudius U. Stone first attended the public schools of his home district, then took up his higher studies at the Western Illinois Normal College, which conferred the Bachelor of Science degree upon him in 1900. Later, he took two terms in the law department of the University of Michigan. Educational work first interested him at this time, and he started as a teacher in the rural schools. He became principal of the high school in Brimfield, Peoria county, and served as county superintendent of schools from 1902 until 1910. His goal, however, was the practice of law and he devoted every spare moment to his legal study and reading, with the result that he successfully passed his examination in 1909 for admission to the bar. Mr. Stone quickly gained repute after opening his office in Peoria, and also became very active in political and public affairs of the city. He became a candidate for Congress, to represent the sixteenth district, and he was duly elected on the democratic ticket in 1910. For three consecutive terms he held this responsible position, and retired in March, 1917. During his service in Congress he was a member of the committee on banking and currency that drafted the Federal Reserve Bank Act and the Farm Loan Act. His ability was further recognized very shortly after his return, when he was appointed by President Wilson as postmaster of Peoria. He held this position until 1921.

Mr. Stone has since the above date practiced law in the city of Peoria. He was formerly a member of the prominent firm of Eagleton, Stone & Isley, and subsequently with the firm of McGrath, Stone, Dailey & Michel. In the year 1928, Mr. Stone was appointed as master in chancery of the Circuit Court, and while holding this position has his headquarters in the court house of Peoria. He is a member of the Peoria County Bar Association, the Illinois State, and the American Bar Associations.

In two wars Mr. Stone has contributed his services to his country. When the Spanish-American war broke out, he enlisted and served twelve months. He was a private, but reached the non-commissioned rank of corporal and was in Cuba for four months. During the World war period he was chairman of the four-minute men of Peoria county and served on every Liberty Loan committee during the several drives, speaking a number of times daily.

Mr. Stone has taken great interest in fraternal affairs, and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Knights Templar and the Mystic Shrine. He is past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias, and is past exalted ruler of Peoria Lodge No. 20, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.



CLAUDE U. STONE





He has been a member also for thirty or more years of the I. O. O. F., Modern Woodmen of America, Court of Honor, and for a shorter period of the Royal Order of Moose. He has long belonged to the Creve Coeur Club, the University Club and the Country Club of Peoria. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church, and for a long period engaged in Sunday school work in this church. Mr. Stone is the proud father of two children, whose names are Shielagh and Claudius Ulysses, Jr.

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#### FREEMAN P. MORRIS

Freeman P. Morris, an attorney at law practicing in Watseka, Iroquois county, was born in Cook county, Illinois, March 19, 1854, a son of Charles and Sarah (Thomas) Morris. After finishing a high school course in Chicago he attended the Cook County Normal School and then matriculated in Northwestern University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, having completed the regular law course. He was admitted to the bar in 1874 and through the intervening period has steadily engaged in law practice, covering a period of sixty years. This is a notable record of efficient service. He has always been most loyal to the interests of his clients and his practice has been extensive. In 1900 he was tendered the position of general attorney for the Chicago & North Western Railway but refused in order to remain at home in Watseka.

In 1884, in Denver, Colorado, Mr. Morris married Minnie B. Lott and to them was born a son, Eugene P., who was at one time assistant attorney general of Illinois. On the 5th of June, 1919, in Watseka, Mr. Morris was again married, his second union being with Christie Hooper. Mr. Morris is widely and prominently known not only in his county but in other parts of the state as well. He belongs to the Iroquois Club of Chicago, to the Watseka Country Club, to the Shewami Country Club, of which he is charter member, to the Knights of Pythias, to the Masonic fraternity and to the Iroquois County, Illinois State and American Bar Associations.

Politically Mr. Morris has always been a democrat and he represented Iroquois county in the lower house of the state legislature for six terms, being first elected in 1884. In 1891 he declined nomination for the office of circuit judge, and in 1892 he was appointed a member of the military staff of Governor Altgeld, with the rank of colonel. It was during the first term of President Wilson that Secretary Bryan, a close personal friend, tendered him a position in the government service, but this he also declined. He was president of the board of education from 1891 until 1894 and for one term was mayor of Watseka. He is president of the library board and president of the Iroquois Building & Loan Association. He has been a delegate to six national conventions and has attended many state and county conventions. He is an orator of more than average ability and has for many years devoted much of his time and his talents to party interests. Nature endowed him with abilities which he has assiduously cultivated, so that he is today the Nester of the bar of Iroquois county and a citizen whose efforts have long been a potent element in the progress of the state.

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#### HON. KENT ELLSWORTH KELLER

The political labors of Kent Ellsworth Keller have been so tangible, so far-reaching and so beneficial to commonwealth and country as to make his life work an integral chapter in the history of state and nation. He is one of the notable representatives of democracy in Illinois and is now a member of congress, where he has made a record for progressive thought and action equalled by few. He was elected first in 1930 and re-elected in 1932.

Born on a farm near Ava, Illinois, he attended country school and later was graduated from the Southern Illinois Normal University of Carbondale with the class of 1890. In early manhood he owned and edited the Ava Advertiser

and also taught school and founded the Ava Community high school. Attracted to the practice of law, he began his law reading, then studied in Heidelberg University and completed his course in the St. Louis Law School, passing the bar examination at Mount Vernon as head of a class of seventy-three. At Heidelberg he specialized in economics and has continued his studies along that line throughout his entire life. After a year of active practice at the bar, ill health obliged him to seek a change of climate and for four years he lived out of doors in Mexico, thus completely recovering. He there took up mining, which he successfully followed for twelve years, and he could today qualify as a professional mining engineer. He reads extensively and is thoroughly informed on many subjects of particular importance to a man in congressional life who is constantly called upon for a technical solution of the many problems that arise daily in the course of his official duties.

In February, 1912, Mr. Keller returned to his Illinois home. Always interested in politics, he early established an acquaintance with Woodrow Wilson, then a professor in Princeton University, and he has always been an earnest advocate of democratic principles. In November, 1912, he was elected to the state senate from the forty-fourth district, which was then strongly republican. Possessing unusual ability as a speaker, he early gained a reputation in the senate as a vigorous and effective defender of those things which he believed essential to good government. When Woodrow Wilson became president, he asked Mr. Keller to become the democratic candidate for governor of Illinois, but the latter declined due to his loyalty to his friend, Governor Edward F. Dunne, who desired to again make the race for the position. In 1916 Mr. Keller retired from the senate and spent nearly ten years in the west and southwest for the benefit of his wife's health. While in the upper house of the Illinois assembly, he was well known in the state for his work in connection with several important labor bills. He originated and wrote the semi-monthly pay law; assisted in the passage of the headlight law for the railroad men of Illinois. He was chairman of the committee on roads, bridges and highways, and was instrumental in writing the hard road law for Illinois which has resulted in the great system of concrete highways now in Illinois. As chairman of the committee on elections at the next session Senator Keller held two senate elections contests in Chicago which resulted in the seating of two republican senators, turning over control of the senate to the republicans, thus establishing his liberal and fair-minded attitude in politics, despite the tremendous pressure to which he was subjected. During his term of office he was also instrumental in securing the Auditorium for the Normal at Carbondale, thus giving not only the students of that part of the state but also the citizens access to a suitable auditorium necessary for large meetings. Mr. Keller began speaking under the democratic national committee when still under thirty years of age, and in six national campaigns has spoken in over thirty states of the Union.

Returning to political activity in 1924, Congressman Keller was defeated for the democratic nomination for governor in Illinois, but in 1930 after submitting a program which called for the government immediately assuming the responsibility for unemployment and giving men work through a system of public works, he was elected to congress over Mr. Denison, who had been in office for sixteen years, thus becoming the first democratic congressman from the twenty-fifth district with two parties in the field since the Civil war. Incidentally he was returned to congress by the voters in 1932 by a majority of twenty-one thousand, four thousand more than the majority received by President Roosevelt in the same district. It is said that his majority in 1932 was the largest that has ever been given a congressman from that district. When elected in 1930 Congressman Keller was immediately given a place on the important labor committee and is now the fifth ranking democratic member. He is also chairman of the library committee, a position which places him on the building commission in Washington, which committee participates in control

of the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institution, the Botanic Garden, and all art work under the federal government. He straightway introduced several important bills which one way or another have since become law. His bill for the creation of a department of public works, first introduced and refused by the Hoover administration, was later practically duplicated by President Roosevelt and the New Deal with their administration of public works. He was sponsor of the railroad pension bill, which became the law on August 1, 1934, one of the most far-reaching bills ever passed by any congress. It is a forerunner of President Roosevelt's program of social legislation. It was the first bill for a nation-wide tubercular pension ever introduced into the American congress. Now that it is a law, the tremendous amount of work that he did in aiding its passage by explaining its merits to almost every congressman on the Hill during the three years it lay before the committee speaks for itself. He is now busy in putting over a program that will drain, dredge, and sanitize the Big Muddy River basin. In so doing it will place thousands of men at work that are now on relief rolls. He is also endeavoring to secure for the twenty-fifth district a thousand-bed tubercular hospital that will do much to wipe out the great amount of this dread disease in southern Illinois. Mr. Keller is by nature and training ideally equipped for the work of a congressman. He is a fluent speaker, a clear thinker and logical reasoner, and his opinions always carry weight. He believes in "old age pensions" and "a job for every man and women who wants to work." He is deeply sympathetic and always for the underdog; always for the common people; he is "the friendliest man in Egypt." He has worked heart and soul for every cause in which he believes—the laboring man and his legitimate rights, the war veteran, and the New Deal, giving stalwart support to President Roosevelt's program. He has helped largely to secure for southern Illinois a system of national forests. He is always approachable, always ready to hear the other side of the question, and at the same time is untiring in his defense of any measure which he deems vital to the public good.

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#### HARRY W. DECK

Illinois Democracy values highly the energy and inspiration manifested by the younger generation of its members and typical of this group is Harry W. Deck, of Carbondale, Jackson county, who is secretary to Congressman Kent Keller.

Harry W. Deck was born in Herrin, Illinois, on February 13, 1908, and is a son of William A. and Oma (Lipe) Deck. His father served in Cuba with the American forces during the Spanish-American war.

Mr. Deck went through the public schools of Carbondale and graduated from high school in 1926. He then took up his higher studies in the University of Wisconsin at Madison and from this institution received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1932. He then engaged in newspaper business, having been editor of the Carbondale Herald. After six months in this occupation, however, he entered the circuit court clerk's office as a deputy and served from December to June of 1933. He then went to Washington, D. C. to accept the position as secretary to Congressman Kent Keller. Mr. Deck has been very active in democratic affairs and was a delegate to the judicial convention held in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, in May, 1933. He has attended several state and county conventions.

Mr. Deck has interested himself in military training, and during the last two years has availed himself of this at Camp Grant, Battle Creek, Michigan. His religious affiliation is with the Baptist Church, and he is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Carbondale and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In civic affairs of his home city, and in social circles, Mr. Deck has been strongly identified and he is the fortunate possessor of a large number of friends.



## FRED W. BRUMMEL

Fred W. Brummel, of Chicago, who has the distinction of being the first member appointed to the Board of Appeals of Cook county and whose efforts in behalf of fair and just taxation constitute a most creditable chapter in the political history of Illinois, was born June 4, 1872, in the city in which he yet makes his home, a son of Henry and Susanna (Stoll) Brummel. He graduated from Quiney College of Quiney, Illinois, with the class of 1889 and in that year turned his attention to the fire insurance business, in which he engaged until 1895, when he entered into the general insurance business with his father under the firm name of Henry Brummel & Son. Five years later he organized the firm of Brummel Brothers, insurance underwriters and managers, and remained in that field until 1913, when he organized the Fred W. Brummel Company, realtors, of which he is president. This firm has long occupied a prominent place in realty circles in Chicago, and through his broad experience along this line Mr. Brummel gained the knowledge that has been of inestimable benefit to him in his work on the Board of Appeals.

He has done notable work in appraising, realty trust management, erection of buildings and the development of properties, and has always been a close student of every subject bearing in any way upon the legitimate advancement of real estate interests in Illinois. In 1927 he was appointed a member of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board, of which he is still an active member. This board is composed of some of the foremost civic leaders, who advise in the development and economies in the operation of the Forest Preserves in Cook county.

As a member of the Torrens League and Cook County Real Estate Board, in cooperation with the Cook county recorders, he advocated the system and aided in procuring amendments to the Torrens act to make the law effective and personally financed many test cases through the supreme court, establishing the constitutionality thereof. This has been of great benefit to the small property owner. During his work in the local real estate field, he gained a wide reputation as a tax title authority and conducted a lone battle against tax title sharks. He carried to the United States Supreme Court numerous cases to establish precedents which have been invaluable in clarifying titles.

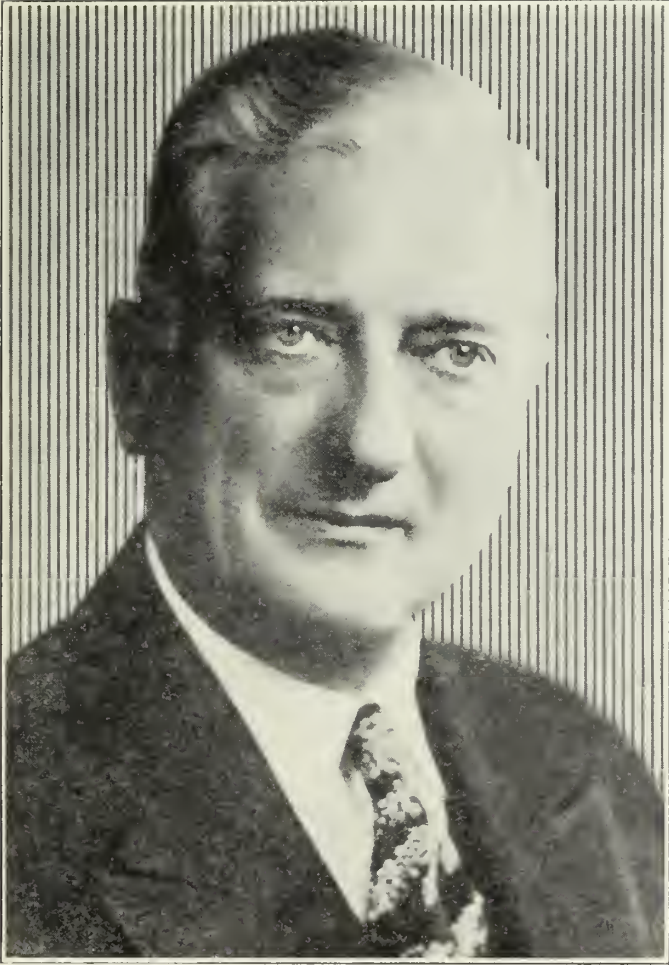
Mr. Brummel was called to his present position on the creation of the present Board of Appeals in 1932, being the first member appointed—a choice based logically on his long and diversified experience in real estate, his special knowledge and experience in appraisals and tax assessments, his constructive background and his reputation for ability and integrity. After a survey of existing conditions, Mr. Brummel as a member of the Board of Appeals, undertook to put homes and small flat building assessments on a parity with large income producing properties, and to correct this lack of uniformity he issued an order reducing such assessments fifteen percent.

The decision affected four hundred and thirty-eight thousand small property owners and was upheld by the State Tax Commission, the Attorney General and the Supreme Court of Illinois. It was later reversed on the question of method and procedure only, and then upheld by Judge Edmund K. Jarecki in the County Court on facts.

Mr. Brummel has always fully cooperated with all of the taxing officials of city, county and state as well as with civic organizations truly interested in the welfare of the county. During the two years of his incumbency in office, the Board of Appeals has set a new record for hearing and reviewing all complaints. Over two hundred thousand of these cases received his personal attention, and he has honestly, efficiently and fearlessly served the best interests of all taxpayers alike.

Fred W. Brummel was a democratic candidate for this same office in November, 1934, and was elected by an overwhelming vote. His second term will expire in December, 1938.





FRED W. BRUMMEL



Mr. Brummel was married June 12, 1895, to Miss Mary Rose Berresheim, of Chicago, and they have one daughter, Genevieve Lucille, now Mrs. George F. Hughes. Mr. Brummel belongs to the Illinois Athletic Club and the Edgewater Golf Club and finds his recreation in bowling and golf. He has memberships in the Chicago Association of Commerce and the Chicago Real Estate Board and many social and civic organizations.

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### HON. JAMES A. CREIGHTON

One of the most learned jurists in the history of Illinois was the Hon. James A. Creighton of Springfield, whose judicial labors as judge of the circuit court covered a period exceeding thirty-one years. In the death of Judge Creighton on the 15th of December, 1916, a notable figure was lost to the judiciary of the state. He was a democrat of high rank and supported the principles of the party with real sincerity and in strictly ethical manner.

Judge Creighton was born March 7, 1846 in White county, Illinois, and was a son of John M. and Mary Anne (Crews) Creighton. He was descended from authentic pioneer stock. The Creighton family is of Scottish origin, and the record of the family is traced reliably back to the year 1240 A. D. The great-grandfather of Judge Creighton was John Creighton, who was born in Ireland of Scotch ancestry about 1743, and came to America about 1765. He landed in Charleston, South Carolina, and there became a planter on a large scale. His son was Joseph Creighton, grandfather of Judge Creighton. Joseph Creighton was married, in 1813, to Martha Jagers, and in 1814, with his brother Thomas and the latter's wife, a sister of Martha Jagers, accompanied a number of other families to the territory of Illinois and settled near the present village of Crossville, in what is now White county. Joseph and Martha Jagers were the parents of five sons and four daughters, among them John McClure Creighton, father of Judge Creighton. The father married Mary Ann Crews in 1844, and in 1852 moved from White to Wayne county, Illinois, where he lived on a farm five miles east of Fairfield. He and his wife were the parents of eight sons and one daughter, the eldest son having been James Asbury Creighton, later to become Judge Creighton of Springfield.

Judge Creighton was reared on the home farm in Wayne county. He studied in the rural schools, then enrolled at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois, worked his way through this institution by tutoring, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1868. Before his removal to Springfield he was a candidate for the office of state superintendent of public instruction.

Judge Creighton was admitted to the bar in June, 1870, and for some years practiced in Fairfield, where he was also city attorney. He moved to Springfield May 1, 1877, and there opened a law office in partnership with General Alfred A. Orendorf, successor to the firm of Herndon. Orendorf, successor to the firm of Lincoln & Herndon, the best known of the Abraham Lincoln law firms. In June, 1885, he was elected judge of the circuit court in the fifth circuit, which was composed of the counties of Sangamon, Christian, Macoupin, Montgomery, Fayette and Shelby. In 1891, he was re-elected, and in 1897, when the present circuit composed of Sangamon, Macoupin, Morgan, Greene, Scott and Jersey was formed, he was again elected, then re-elected in 1903, 1909 and 1915. At the time of his death, he was serving his sixth term in office, having been on the bench for over thirty-one years and was the oldest in point of service of the circuit court judges in the state. In addition to his circuit court, the judge was for twelve years justice of the appellate court of the state for the fourth district, and in 1908 he was democratic candidate in the third district for judge of the supreme court of Illinois. He was honored in 1914 by his alma mater, McKendree College, which conferred upon him the Doctor of Laws degree.

Judge Creighton was universally kind to young lawyers. He never tried

to "guess" at any ruling he might make, and he had very few reversals on questions of law in the supreme court. He was absolutely impartial to lawyers and litigants and personal contact or friendship never entered into his judicial conduct. He was often consulted privately by members of the supreme court who recognized his unusual ability as a jurist and wanted help in the decision of important cases.

Judge Creighton was a strong democrat in every sense of the term, but his interest in political affairs in no way conflicted with his judicial career. He was a lifelong friend of William Jennings Bryan and also was a friend of the latter's father, Judge Bryan, during his college days.

On January 1, 1871, in Fairfield, Illinois, Judge James Asbury Creighton was united in marriage to Miss Mary Catherine Newman. To their union there were born the following children: Ada Bell, born April 1, 1872, is now the wife of James W. Paige of Chicago, Illinois; Edna Amanda and Eva Amelia, twins, were born March 7, 1877, the former now being the wife of Froman Smith of Chicago and the latter the wife of William St. J. Wines, attorney of Springfield; and John Thrall Creighton, born July 17, 1884, formerly an attorney practicing in Springfield and Chicago, Illinois, later assistant attorney general of the United States, and now vice president of the City Bank Farmers Trust Company in New York City.

Judge Creighton was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Springfield. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, and belonged to the Court of Honor, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Sangamo Club of Springfield.

#### HENRY MEANS PINDELL

Henry Means Pindell, one of the illustrious leaders of Illinois democracy and a formative force in the development of Peoria, contributed in large measure to the upbuilding and to the policies of the city through his work as editor and owner of the Peoria Journal. He left the impress of his individuality indelibly upon the history of the state. He was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, December 23, 1860, a son of James Morrison and Elizabeth (Means) Pindell. The founder of the American branch of the family was Thomas Pindell, who came to the new world from England in the latter part of the sixteenth century. The Pindells were brilliant, adventurous men whose deeds figure prominently in the annals of history in the states of Maryland and Kentucky. One of the family, Dr. Richard Pindell, was a member of General Washington's staff in the Revolutionary war and became one of the founders of the famous society of Sons of Cincinnati.

The entire life of Henry M. Pindell was in accord with the record of an honorable and honored ancestry. He completed his education by graduation from De Pauw University in 1884 and, attracted to the field of journalism, he became an apprentice on the Wabash Times of Wabash, Indiana. Later he was for a period with the Chicago Tribune and the Illinois State Register at Springfield, and with his removal to Peoria he began the publication of a paper on his own account. Following his demise, which occurred in August, 1924, one of the local papers said of him:

"For a period of thirty years he dominated the newspaper life of this city, and in social life was equally prominent. He was a charter member of the Creve Coeur and Country Clubs, was affiliated with the University Club and the Automobile Club of Peoria, and was likewise a member of the Chicago University Club. He was actively interested in securing the repeal of the Allen and Humphrey bill, which permitted the granting of fifty-year franchises to street railway companies; he was an organizer and president of the Illinois Daily Newspaper Publishers Association and an advisory member of the western division of the Associated Press. He was a member of the library board and through his newspaper took an active part in public school growth. He was a delegate to the democratic national convention in 1912, yet he was one of the first publishers in the nation to declare his newspapers politically independent.



"He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Carl P. Slane and Mrs. Elizabeth Talbott of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and two grandchildren, Henry Pindell Slane and Betty Talbott. Also surviving him are two sisters, Mrs. H. C. Barnard of St. Louis, and Mrs. H. M. Hundley of Omaha, and two brothers, William M. Pindell of Chicago, and Thomas Pindell of St. Louis."

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### HON. CLAUDE V. PARSONS

Four times Claude V. Parsons of Golconda has been elected to the national congress, to the seventy-first, seventy-second, the seventy-third and the seventy-fourth sessions, the last election having been that of November 6, 1934, when his popularity and satisfactory services were again rewarded by the voters of his twenty-fourth district.

Mr. Parsons was born on a farm near McCormick, in Pope county, Illinois, and after finishing his studies in the rural schools he took up his advanced courses at the Southern Illinois State University, from which he graduated in 1923. Public service opportunity first came to Mr. Parsons in 1922, when he was elected superintendent of schools for Pope county, and in this capacity he manifested real talent and understanding of educational work. He was re-elected in 1926. He was president of the Southern Illinois Teachers' Association in 1927, and in 1930 was president of the County Superintendents' Association.

Mr. Parsons was elected first to congress to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. Thomas S. Williams. In the national legislative halls Mr. Parsons immediately became known as a strong and resourceful legislator, and in the succeeding sessions of congress he has assumed a leading position. His conduct of his duties has been subjected to much approval and favor, and he has sponsored legislation of vast benefit to his constituents and to the government itself. Mr. Parsons has always been a true democrat, with a belief in the party principles and he is now one of the most earnest and active supporters of the president and his administration.

Mr. Parsons is a member of the Masonic order, the Eastern Star, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the American Legion, and the Sigma Alpha Phi fraternity.

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### CARL P. SLANE

Journalism in Illinois finds one of its most popular and able representatives in Carl P. Slane, publisher of the Peoria Journal-Transcript. A native of Princeville, Illinois, he was born June 19, 1889, and is a son of Oliver C. and Mina (Powell) Slane. The father was also born in Princeville, his parents being Benjamin and Sarah (Henry) Slane. Benjamin Slane was a native of Virginia and came to Peoria, Illinois, in 1831 in company with his parents. He later removed to Princeville and became a prominent factor in politics there. He gave his support to the democratic party and was a personal friend of Stephen A. Douglas. Oliver C. Slane, the father of Carl P. Slane, was a hardware merchant and from Princeville removed to Peoria when his son Carl was only nine months old. Here he founded a hardware business which he conducted successfully for many years. He married Mina Powell, a daughter of Leander and Esther (Smith) Powell. Her father was a native of New York state and on coming to Illinois settled at Lawn Ridge, where he conducted a general store. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver C. Slane were three children: Carl P.; Merle, who is publishing a paper at Evanston, Illinois; and Mabel, the wife of Donald Wilson.

Carl P. Slane was educated in the Bradley Polytechnic Institute of Peoria and when his course was completed he entered his father's hardware store. He became a pioneer in the marketing of electric automobiles and in 1915 he entered the service of the Journal and is now the directing head of the paper, having

steadily advanced to his present position of responsibility. He is also a director of the Major Market Newspaper Association.

Mr. Slane married Frances Pindell, a daughter of Henry M. and Eliza (Smith) Pindell, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Slane have a son, Henry Pindell. Fraternally Mr. Slane is a Mason and has taken the degrees of lodge, chapter and council, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert. He is a member of the First Congregational Church and his life is guided by high and honorable principles, while in all matters of citizenship he advocates advanced standards and progressive methods. He is a member of the Illinois aeronautics commission by appointment of Governor Henry Horner; president of Peoria Airport, Inc.; and vice-president and treasurer, Peoria Journal-Transcript, Inc., both of Peoria. He is a 32nd degree Mason and on the Board of Directors of Newspaper Advertising Executives Association, which is a national association.

### HON. FRANK T. SHEEAN

Hon. Frank T. Sheean, of Galena, who occupies the bench of the fifteenth judicial circuit of Illinois, has the distinction of being the first democrat ever elected circuit judge from Jo Daviess county and of being one of only two democratic judges to be chosen for the office in this judicial circuit since 1880, Judge Albert H. Manus of Freeport having been elected to the circuit bench at the same time that Judge Sheean was called upon to serve.

Born in Galena, Illinois, April 22, 1878, Judge Sheean is a son of Thomas J. and Frances (Delahunt) Sheean. The father's birth occurred on a farm in Guilford township, Jo Daviess county, December 15, 1838, and his life record covered the intervening years to the 21st of June, 1921, when he was called to his final rest. He taught school to earn money that would enable him to pursue his more advanced education, and with funds thus obtained he paid his tuition in the Rock River Seminary at Mount Morris, Illinois, where he completed his studies in 1863. He then qualified for law practice and was admitted to the bar on the 23d of November, 1868. He at once entered upon the active work of the profession and remained in practice in Galena until six months prior to his death. In politics he was always a staunch democrat and for more than twenty years took an active part in the campaigns, making speeches throughout Stephenson, Winnebago, Ogle and Carroll counties as well as in his home county. He served as a delegate from the sixth congressional district to the national democratic convention in St. Louis, in 1888, when Grover Cleveland was nominated for the presidency, and he was a delegate to the Chicago convention in 1896, when William Jennings Bryan received the nomination of his party. He attended practically all of the state as well as a number of the democratic national conventions and was widely known to party leaders throughout Illinois. His opinions carried weight in party councils and he was influential in shaping the policy of the democratic organization. He served as supervisor of his native township, Guilford, for the terms of 1867 and 1868, and from 1873 until 1875 he was mayor of Galena, while in 1883 he was again called to the office for a second term of two years, during which he gave to the city a businesslike and progressive administration. When a young man of about twenty-seven years he was married on Christmas day of 1865 to Frances Delahunt, who was born in Ireland, January 11, 1846, and died July 29, 1931.

Their son, Frank T. Sheean, was accorded liberal educational privileges and graduated from the University of Illinois with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1899. He then studied law in the office of his father, his uncle David and his elder brother, James M. Sheean, and was admitted to practice in the courts of the state in June, 1902. He opened an office in Galena and continued in active practice in this city until elected circuit judge in 1933. In the meantime he had filled other public office, having been elected state's attorney of Jo Daviess



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county in 1908 for a four years' term. He was then re-elected in 1912, serving through 1916. Once more he was chosen for the position of state's attorney in 1932 but resigned the office upon his elevation to the bench of the circuit court. He may well be justly proud of the fact that he was made the choice of the public for this responsible office. It showed that he had a strong following from the people of opposite political faith as well as from those of his own party. On the bench he holds judicial service above all partisanship, and his comprehensive knowledge of the law, combined with a clearly analytical and logical mind, enables him to render decisions that are strictly fair and impartial.

Judge Sheean was a member of the Jo Daviess county democratic central committee from 1902 until 1932, covering the long period of thirty years, and during this time he was either filling the position of chairman or secretary. He has attended practically all of the democratic state conventions over a period of many years and was a delegate to the national convention of his party in New York in 1924, in Houston, Texas, in 1928 and in Chicago in 1932.

On the 19th of June, 1906, Judge Sheean was united in marriage to Miss Effie M. Hodson and they are the parents of two daughters: Jane S., who is the Judge's court reporter and the wife of Cleland A. Evert, and Mary. His daughter Jane organized the democratic women in Jo Daviess county and was the first county chairwoman. She is now vice chairman of the state organization of women. Such in brief is the life history of Judge Sheean, a learned lawyer, a most competent jurist and the outstanding leader of democracy in Jo Daviess county.

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#### RAYMOND S. McKEOUGH

Raymond S. McKeough, elected to the 74th Congress of the United States as representative from the second congressional district of Illinois, was born April 29, 1888 at Chicago, Illinois, the second son of Timothy and Catherine Wiley McKeough. He was educated in the public and parochial schools of Chicago and was graduated with honors from De La Salle Institute, Chicago, in 1905. Upon the completion of his educational courses, he began a business career with Armour and Company, packers, in his native city, moving shortly after into a special branch of the industry in the live-stock commission houses of the Union Stock Yards. In 1910 he advanced to a secretarial position with the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad and remained with that company as assistant to its vice president until 1927, when he entered the investment securities business in the employ of a leading investment firm in La Salle street; he is now connected with the brokerage house of Babcock, Rushton and Company, New York, Chicago.

He was married January 3rd, 1911 in Chicago to Mary Ethel Ormsby, daughter of Richard W. and Margaret Ormsby and lives at 7815 Euclid avenue, Chicago, with his wife and daughters, Mary Margaret and Catherine McKeough.

A militant Democrat, he always took an active interest in political affairs, although he never sought or held public office until his present election which sent him to the Congress as the first Democrat to be returned from the second Illinois district since the Civil war. An orator of power, he has been constantly in demand on the firing line for candidates in many political campaigns, both local and national, from which he has gained a knowledge of government of great value to a representative in Congress.

Poiseful in temperament, yet aggressive in action, he enters the 74th Congress with an experience in basic industries and political life that equips him to deal intelligently with the national problems arising in the Congress.

He is a lay trustee of Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church, belongs to many fraternal and civic societies, is an active member of the 8th Ward Regular Democratic Organization of Chicago and was an alternate delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1932. In him Illinois sends to the National House a representative fully qualified for a brilliant career in the service of the National Government.

## HON. CLYDE H. THOMPSON

Admitted to the Illinois bar in 1902, Hon. Clyde H. Thompson, of Dwight, Livingston county, was in June, 1933, elected judge of the eleventh judicial circuit for a term of six years. He was born in Dwight, Illinois, November 11, 1876, his parents being Hugh and Frances (Ketcham) Thompson, natives of Ohio and Illinois, respectively. Hugh Thompson was reared to manhood in Illinois and served in the Civil war as a soldier of the Union Army for four years. He became a successful grain buyer and also figured prominently in public affairs, serving as county treasurer of Livingston county from 1868 until 1872 and as circuit clerk from 1892 until 1896. He was a lifelong democrat and a leader of his party in Livingston county.

Clyde H. Thompson acquired his early education in the public schools of Dwight, Illinois, and is also a graduate of the high school at Pontiac. His professional training was received at the University of Michigan Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of LL. B. in 1900. During the two succeeding years he was a traveling representative of an insurance company. Following his admission to the Illinois bar in 1902 he began the general practice of law at Dwight in association with his uncle, W. H. Ketcham, another lifelong democrat, with whom he maintained partnership relations until 1910. Thereafter he followed his profession independently at Dwight until elected judge of the eleventh judicial circuit in June, 1933, being the first democrat to occupy this bench in fifty years. Judge Thompson served as a member of the democratic county committee for more than twenty years, was city clerk from 1905 until 1909 and held the office of city attorney of Dwight for a period covering twenty-eight years. He was the democratic nominee for states attorney in 1908, in 1922 and 1926, and he was also nominated for the office of county judge in 1930 but withdrew his name prior to the election. He was chosen an alternate to the democratic national convention at San Francisco in 1920 but did not attend.

In 1902 Judge Thompson was united in marriage to Nell Duckett, of Pontiac, Illinois, and they are the parents of three children, as follows: Lenora, the wife of Arnold Hahn, of Kankakee, Illinois; Mary Jane, who is Mrs. H. A. Blumenthal, of Chicago; and Hugh, who is a graduate of the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington and now a student at the University of Michigan Law School. Judge Thompson is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while along strictly professional lines he has membership in the Livingston County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association.

## LAURENCE F. ARNOLD

Well known in the legislative halls of Illinois is Laurence F. Arnold, who is now serving for the third term as a member of the general assembly. He has been a close and thorough student of political problems and of questions vital to the welfare of the commonwealth and has been most conscientious and public spirited in the performance of his duties and his support of measures introduced in the House, so that he has the confidence and goodwill of even his political opponents. He is favorably known in his home community as a progressive and representative business man and banker of Newton, Jasper county, and is also identified with farming interests.

Born in Newton, Illinois, June 8, 1891, Laurence F. Arnold is a son of John F. and Delia (Barton) Arnold. The father was prominently connected with the educational interests of the state for an extended period, having for a third of a century been superintendent of schools of Jasper county. He gave his political allegiance to the democratic party and was one of its local leaders. The maternal grandfather of Representative Arnold was a chaplain with the Union Army, stationed at Vicksburg during the Civil war.

The high school of Newton afforded Laurenee F. Arnold his educational privileges until he was graduated with the class of 1910 and later he had the benefit of two years' instruction in law in the University of Michigan and three years of political science in the University of Chicago, covering the scholastic years of 1926-28, this giving him valuable training for his legislative service. He has been closely identified with the business interests of Newton since 1914, when he established a wholesale hay and grain business which he has since conducted. He is also president of the Peoples State Bank of Newton and in its control manifests the same clear vision and sound judgment that has characterized his management of other interests. As the owner of a farm he is closely associated with the agricultural development of Jasper county. By reason of his enterprise and determination he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and his reliability is an unquestioned fact in his career.

On the 3d of June, 1914, in Newton, Illinois, Mr. Arnold was united in marriage to Miss Chlora Lane and they are the parents of two children, Laurenee Lane and Carolee Ellen.

Mr. Arnold has membership in the Masonic fraternity, loyally exemplifying in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft, and he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, while his social nature finds expression in his connection with the Richland County Country Club. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church, thus giving evidence of his interest in the moral development of the community, and his political belief is expressed in his connection with the Jeffersonian Club, even if he were not otherwise active in politics. He has never lightly regarded the duties of citizenship, but recognizes its responsibilities and obligations as well as its privileges and has earnestly supported the democratic party because of a firm faith in its principles. He has attended all the state and national conventions of his party since 1914 and was a delegate to the national democratic meeting in New York in 1924. Now as a member of the general assembly from the forty-sixth district for the third term he is doing important committee work and is laboring effectively to uphold those measures which he believes will further promote the welfare and upbuilding of the commonwealth.

#### MARTIN P. DURKIN

When the history of the state of Illinois and her public men shall have been written, its pages will bear no better name to record than he of whom this necessarily brief review is written. Martin P. Durkin has distinguished himself by his many sterling qualities. He belongs to that class of citizens who, although undemonstrative and unassuming in their natures, nevertheless help form the character and mould the society of their city, state and nation. It is impossible to estimate the value of such a man. His influence ramifies throughout the commercial and industrial life, extending itself to the whole social economy. Everyone from the toiling laborer to the captains of industry and finance receives the benefit of his efforts. Mr. Durkin gives substantial proof of Lincoln's saying, "There is something better than making a living—making a life."

Martin P. Durkin, Chicago, was born in that city on March 18, 1894. After completing the grammar grades and graduating from Visitation School he tested a few lines of endeavor open to youth. In 1911 he decided to become a steamfitter and was enrolled as a member of Local Union No. 4 of the International Association of Steam, Hot Water and Pipe Fitters and Helpers. He received a journeyman card in Local No. 597 of the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters in 1917.

Mr. Durkin attended Jones school evening classes of academic studies and later the Englewood high school, studying heating and ventilating engineering.

In September, 1917 he entered the United States Army with the 332d Field



Artillery, in which he served for a period of twenty-two months. He is a member of the O'Donald-Eddy Post of the American Legion.

In 1921 Mr. Durkin was elected assistant business manager of the Steamfitters' Protective Association Local Union No. 597. In 1927 he was elected vice president of the Chicago Building Trades Council.

He was appointed a member of the Chicago Building and Zoning Committee, a cabinet position, by the late Mayor A. J. Cermak and also served under Mayor Edward J. Kelly. For a period of eight years he was a member of the joint arbitration board which settled jurisdictional disputes between building trades. He resigned his union positions on September 1, 1933, the date of his appointment as director of the department of labor by Governor Henry Horner.

Mr. Durkin married Anna H. McNicholas on August 29, 1921 and has three sons.

Mr. Durkin, by his own honorable exertions and sterling character, has carved out for himself friends, influence and position. His motto is and ever has been in all he undertakes "Progress". No visionary dream of impossibilities fills his mind, but, practical in all his ideas, he builds up as he journeys through life, benefiting his fellowmen and seeking to leave the world better for his having lived in it.

#### EDWIN V. CHAMPION

Edwin V. Champion, state's attorney for Peoria county, was born in Mansfield, Pike county, Illinois, September 18, 1890, a son of Joseph V. and Minnie (Smithson) Champion, the former a native of Virginia. The Champion family has been represented in the Old Dominion since the colonial period. The Smithsons were also from Virginia, the family home being at Staunton. The grandfather of Edwin V. Champion in the paternal line was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, North, and died in Virginia. The maternal grandparents were Rumsey and Mary (Dewey) Smithson and the former was a minister of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church. At one time he served as presiding elder of the Washington, D. C., district conference and he held charges in Staunton, Alexander, Roanoke, Virginia, and Charlestown, West Virginia. Joseph V. Champion, the father of Edwin V. Champion, was a physician who graduated from Rush Medical College of Chicago and became an active practitioner in Illinois. To him and his wife were born a son and a daughter, the latter being Mary, who was born in Alexandria, Virginia, and is now the wife of A. J. Welton, who is an attorney and publisher of Petersburg, West Virginia.

Edwin V. Champion attended school in Mansfield, this state, graduating from high school in the spring of 1908, and in the following September he entered the University of Illinois, where he won his LL. B. degree in 1912. He began practice the same year as a member of the law firm of Covey, Campbell & Covey, of Peoria. The call to arms, however, following America's entrance into the World war, led to his enlistment in May, 1917. He went to the First Officers Training Camp at Fort Sheridan and was commissioned a second lieutenant there. With the Eighty-sixth Division he went overseas and served in Europe for five months. Following his return to his native land he was mustered out at Fort Leavenworth with the rank of captain, in February, 1919, having received his promotion while at Camp Grant before going overseas. He belongs to Peoria Post No. 2, American Legion, in which he has served as judge advocate, and was also service officer for twelve years.

Following his return to Peoria after his military experience Mr. Champion was appointed assistant state's attorney, thus serving in 1919 and 1920. With his retirement from the office he resumed the private practice of law, in which he continued until his election as state's attorney in 1932. He married Bertha Eignus, a native of Forrest, Livingston county, Illinois, and a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Eignus, the former a retired minister of the Methodist Church.





EDWIN V. CHAMPION



Mr. Champion has attained high rank in Masonry, belonging to Illinois Lodge No. 263, Peoria, Consistory and Mohammed Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise belongs to Peoria Lodge No. 20, B. P. O. E. He has membership in the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to the University Club of Peoria, of which he is a past president, the Creve Coeur Club, the Mount Holly Country Club, of which he is past president, and is a member of the American Business Club of Peoria. He has served three terms as chairman of the Peoria County democratic committee. His professional standing is indicated in the fact that he is a past president of the Peoria Bar Association and is a member Illinois State and American Bar Associations and enjoys the confidence and good will of his colleagues and contemporaries in law practice because of his devotion to the highest standards and ethics of the calling.

### HOMER L. AHRENDTS

Homer L. Ahrends, collector of revenue at Peoria, formerly served as mayor of that city and as an executive administered municipal affairs in a manner that made for progress and improvement along many lines. His record is one which will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and reflects credit upon the municipality which chose him as its political head. Mr. Ahrends is a native son of Peoria, born December 4, 1884, his parents being John M. and Elizabeth (Daily) Ahrends. The father, also born in Peoria, was a son of Matthew and Hannah (Spandan) Ahrends, both of whom were natives of Germany, the latter having been born in the town of Spandan, which was named in honor of her ancestors. Elizabeth (Daily) Ahrends, the mother of Homer L. Ahrends, was a daughter of Martin Daily, who was born in Kilkenny, Ireland. He was a cooper by trade and followed that pursuit after establishing his home in Peoria. To John M. Ahrends and wife were born five children: Homer L., of this review; Eunice, who became a teacher in the Peoria schools; Eugene, who is deputy United States marshal in this city, and who served in the World war overseas as a sergeant, first class; Albert, who is also a veterans of the World war and was on active duty overseas; and Hannah, who completes the family.

Homer L. Ahrends attended the grammar and high schools of Peoria, after which he had the benefit of two years' instruction in a business college. Starting out in life on his own account, he became a railroad clerk. From early manhood he was deeply interested in politics and his activity along that line led to his election to the office of alderman from the fifth ward. Thus he had thorough experience in municipal management and in 1931 he was elected mayor of Peoria, winning a large majority as the result of an extensive personal following which he had among his fellow townsmen, receiving the support of many republicans as well as the democrats of the city, which is normally a republican stronghold. His administration was one of the very best that Peoria has ever enjoyed. His was the distinction of being the first democratic mayor elected in the city in twenty-four years, and previously he had been elected alderman in the largest republican ward of Peoria. When he assumed the mayoralty he was actuated by high purpose and noble resolve. The winter of 1931-32 was the worst of the depression and through his instrumentality fourteen thousand men were given employment. Another notable achievement of his administration was the completion of the largest bridge in the world—the Cedar Street bridge, which had remained unfinished for six years previously. To Mr. Ahrends likewise can be attributed the reduction of the city tax levy without the reduction of efficiency in city administration. Under his rule the fifty-four foot pavement on South Washington street was completed, the state assuming the cost of construction of forty feet of the pavement as a state route to connect with the Cedar Street bridge. During Mr. Ahrends' term of office Peoria received a certificate from the National Safety Council as having the least number of deaths from accident by motor-driven vehicles in cities of a population of from one hundred thousand to one hundred and fifty thousand. The National Health Association designated Peoria

as one of the best cities of this class in clean streets and garbage collection. Mr. Ahrends personally stimulated activity in every branch of the city service and looked forward continuously to municipal improvement, his plans and projects being always of a workable character that produced desired results. His administration rehabilitated the police on lines of efficiency by placing many of the older men on the retired list on pensions and getting younger and more alert men into the service. He also effected various reforms in the fire department in addition to modernizing the equipment. Nothing that seemed to touch the general welfare escaped his attention and he was constantly working toward higher and more efficient service in every branch of the city government.

Mr. Ahrends was married to Miss Mary Edith Hill, a native of Peoria, and they occupy a prominent social position in the city. In Masonic circles Mr. Ahrends is very widely and favorably known, belonging to Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 7, K. T.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Throughout his entire life he has been actuated by high ideals in both personal and public affairs and his sterling worth is widely recognized by his fellow townsmen.

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### HOMER DOUGLAS McLAREN

There are many tangible evidences of devotion to the public good in the life record of Homer Douglas McLaren, member of the bar of Springfield and now serving as assistant Attorney General for the state of Illinois. He was born in Summum, Fulton county, Illinois, December 2, 1887, and was given his middle name in honor of Stephen A. Douglas, a fact which indicates the admiration of the family for the renowned democratic leader of Illinois in the middle of the nineteenth century. His parents, C. C. and Louise (Clary) McLaren, also natives of this state, have lived in Fulton county for many years. The father was born in Fulton county, Illinois, June 6, 1847, and has practiced law, although not admitted to the bar. He was a staunch supporter of William Jennings Bryan in his campaigns and has voted with the democratic party. His wife is a representative of an old Kentucky family, supporters of democracy.

Homer D. McLaren acquired a public school education in Fulton county, attending high school in Canton. He then entered the Illinois State Normal University at Normal, from which he was graduated in 1917. Following this he taught school for eight years, serving as superintendent and as principal of schools in various places, but while teaching he took up the study of law and for a year continued his reading in the law office of Elzie Weber at Lewistown, Illinois. In 1920 he received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the Lincoln College of Law at Lincoln, this state, and in 1921 the same institution conferred upon him the Master of Laws degree. He was admitted to the bar in the latter year and has since continued in active practice. He belongs to the Sangamon County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association and holds to the high standards of professional service always demanded of the members of those societies. For some years he was associated with Judge Lawrence E. Stone in the law firm of Stone, McLaren & Webb and as the years passed enjoyed a practice that constantly increased in volume and in importance. He is now an assistant attorney general for the state of Illinois and through his efforts is carefully conserving the legal rights of the commonwealth.

On the 1st of July, 1916, Mr. McLaren was married to Miss Matilda Rose, a daughter of Dr. Frederick and Setta Rose, of Millstadt, Illinois. She is a graduate of the Illinois State Normal University and for a year engaged in teaching. She is well known as an author, writing for twenty religious papers of all denominations and for health magazines. She also writes short stories and is a member of the American Fiction Guild of New York. Mr. and Mrs. McLaren have become parents of four children: Arthur Douglas, a youth of



sixteen years; Nina Rose, who is twelve years of age; Robert Bruce, a lad of ten; and Homer Frederick, who is four years old.

In politics Mr. McLaren has never wavered in his allegiance to the democratic party and as time and professional duties would permit he has labored in its ranks. He now belongs to the Roosevelt-Horner Democratic Organization, the Jeffersonian Club and the Roosevelt Victory Club. He is keenly interested in civic matters and especially questions relating to the public welfare. In 1922 he formulated plans for the establishment of playgrounds in Springfield and in this connection worked with the National Playground and Recreational Association. He helped secure the passage of a law through the state legislature permitting the levying of city taxes for the maintenance of playgrounds and acted as general chairman during the campaign for playgrounds in Springfield and for eight years served as chairman of the Playground and Recreational Association of this city. He is active in Boy Scout work and served on the Boy Scout executive committee of Springfield, while in the Young Men's Christian Association he has been chairman of the vocational education committee. Mr. McLaren is an elder of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, to which his wife and children also belong. The family home is on a two-acre tract of ground at 1709 Fayette avenue, Springfield, and Mr. McLaren's hobby is growing fruit and vegetables, his production along these lines being sufficient for all the family needs throughout the year. In a review of his record it is manifest that his has been a very active and useful life, his labors being far-reaching in the promotion of those plans and projects which have to do with the advancement of individual standards and with the upbuilding, development and improvement of the community.

#### HOWARD DOYLE

Howard Doyle, a Decatur attorney, was born at Norwich, New York, August 26, 1894, a son of Frank and Katherine (Galvin) Doyle, who in the year 1907 came to Illinois, settling in Macon county, where the father has engaged in business as a manufacturer. He has always been a staunch democrat.

Howard Doyle acquired his education in the grade and high schools of Decatur and in St. Teresa and St. Frances Academy at Quincy, Illinois, having been brought to this state when a lad of about thirteen years. In preparation for a professional career he entered Georgetown University at Washington, D. C., and there pursued his law course, winning his LL. B. degree in 1913. He then became secretary to Senator James Hamilton Lewis in Washington, so serving until 1918, when he enlisted for service in the World war, being stationed in the judge advocate's office in the capital city until he received his discharge in 1919. He was admitted to practice at the Illinois state bar in 1920 and opened an office in Decatur, where he has since remained. His practice has steadily increased in volume and importance and his record as a member of the Illinois bar is a creditable one.

Mr. Doyle has been active in democratic politics since attaining his majority and has long been a recognized party leader in Macon county. In 1930 he was elected to the state legislature and his excellent record of service led to his re-election in 1932. He was a member of several committees of importance and served as chairman of the judicial department and practice committee. In 1932 he acted as manager of Michael Igoe's campaign in southern Illinois when Igoe was a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination. He has attended several state, congressional judicial conventions as a delegate and was an alternate to the democratic national convention held in Houston, Texas, in 1928. Four years before he had attended the national convention held in New York as a visitor and in 1932 he went to the national convention in Chicago. He has made campaign speeches throughout southern Illinois in support of the entire ticket and is acknowledged one of the outstanding democrats of the state, taking an active part in shaping the interests and molding the destinies of democracy in Illinois.

In 1930 Mr. Doyle was united in marriage to Miss Mary Finn, a native of Macon county, Illinois, and a daughter of Patrick and Nellie Finn. The family attends the Catholic Church and Mr. Doyle has membership also with the Knights of Columbus and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Along strictly professional lines he is connected with the Macon County Bar Association and the Illinois Bar Association and at all times he keeps in touch with the latest legal decisions and is thoroughly informed concerning the principles of law, while in the preparation of his cases he is painstaking and exacting, seldom if ever being at fault in the application of a legal principle.

### SAMUEL MARSHALL WRIGHT

The ancestral record of Judge Samuel Marshall Wright, a retired attorney and ex-service man residing in Springfield, is one of close and honorable connection with many events which have left deep impress on the history of commonwealth and country. Among both his paternal and maternal ancestors were those who fought for the interests of the nation in the various wars in which the country has been engaged. Samuel Scott Marshall, a great uncle of Mr. Wright, for whom he is named, was a minority leader in congress during the Civil war and for thirty years was a representative in the national halls of legislation, serving as congressman from his state from 1845 until 1875, with the exception of two terms while he was serving as judge of that same district. He had the distinction of having received every democratic vote of the state legislature in 1860 for United States Senator, without having been present or soliciting a vote for senator. Samuel Marshall was born at Shawneetown in Gallatin county, Illinois, a son of Daniel Marshall, who was a pioneer merchant and farmer of Hamilton county, and who became one of the original founders of McLeansboro, and, together with his son-in-law, John W. O'Neal, surveyed and laid out the village of McLeansboro. Daniel Marshall, the father of Samuel Marshall, and great-grandfather of S. M. Wright, was also a brother of John Marshall, the first banker in the state, who established a bank in a brick building in Shawneetown. He was also a brother of Samuel D. Marshall, a lawyer, and a close friend of Abraham Lincoln and the first attorney of Shawneetown.

Samuel Marshall Wright was born in Hamilton county, Illinois, April 22, 1868, a son of Thomas B. and Mollic O. (O'Neal) Wright, the mother being a direct representative of the Marshall family. The father was a lineal descendant of James Henry Wright, who was the son of Henry Wright and the grandson of David Wright. The last named was a son of Christopher Wright, a high ranking officer in the British Army, who settled at St. Anne's, Virginia, prior to the Revolutionary war period. His son, David Wright, attended William and Mary College and later joined the navy of North Carolina and was made an ensign. While in the naval service he fought against his father, who was a high officer with the British forces. David Wright afterward became a lieutenant in the United States Navy, serving through the Revolutionary war, then resigning in 1780. North Carolina gave him a Revolutionary war land grant and the certificate was relinquished to his son, Henry Wright, who together with his son, James Henry Wright, located their claim in Carroll county, Tennessee, where they remained until 1834, in which year they came to Illinois, first to Saline county, whence various branches of the family have gone to different parts of the state. James Henry Wright moved to Hamilton county where, in 1850, he built the first steam mill in McLeansboro and erected the first painted building in the town, known as Wright's Hall, a two-story structure with a store on the first floor and a ballroom and meeting hall on the second floor. People came from all over the southern part of Illinois to attend balls there that were given prior to the Civil war and afterward, Henry Wright, who was a native of Virginia, espoused the cause of the north when the Civil war broke out and became a captain



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of Company E of the Eighty-seventh Illinois Infantry. Following his return from the war his mill burned down and business conditions were such that he removed to Colorado and later became a resident of South Dakota. There he won a substantial measure of success in gold mining and spent his remaining days, passing away in Rockerville, South Dakota.

The O'Neal family came from Morganfield, Kentucky, John W. O'Neal settling first in Shawneetown, Illinois, prior to the Civil war, and afterwards he was engaged in shipping on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, carrying poultry and stock to New Orleans and bringing back hogshead sugar, which he shipped as far north as Evansville, and sold wholesale at Shawneetown and Evansville after the freezing over of the Ohio river. John W. O'Neal was early embittered against slavery. He had a brother who was a slave dealer, and he knew much of the practices of slaveholders in the south. He became one of the first supporters of Fremont, candidate for president as an abolitionist, even before Lincoln was an abolitionist. With the march of events he kept in close touch, and when hostilities were inaugurated between the north and the south he became a captain of Company I, of the Fifty-eighth Illinois Infantry, although he had two brothers who were with the Confederate forces.

Thomas B. Wright, father of Samuel M. Wright, was born in McLeansboro, Hamilton county, Illinois, in 1843, and his wife's birth occurred in the same county in 1844. There they spent their entire lives, and like other members of the family, Thomas B. Wright espoused the cause of the Union, joining the Sixth Illinois Cavalry. In an early engagement he was wounded and was transferred to an invalid corps. During an active business life he engaged in general merchandising and dealing in lumber and was accounted one of the prominent and influential citizens of his community. Both he and his wife were laid to rest in the Odd Fellows cemetery in McLeansboro, Illinois.

Samuel M. Wright acquired his early education in the grade and high schools of his home community and was also tutored by an Episcopal rector who was a graduate of Oxford University of England. Later he studied law under William Hamill, a distinguished member of the bar who was born at Fort Londonderry, Ireland, and who became an uncompromising democrat. Mr. Wright supplemented his preliminary law reading by study in the University of Michigan and was graduated from its law school in 1889 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. The same year he was admitted to practice at the Michigan bar and later he pursued postgraduate work in the literary department of the University of Michigan, studying treatises and other subjects appertaining to law, and was then admitted to the bar of Illinois. Upon his return to McLeansboro, he entered into partnership with his former preceptor, William Hamill, the association being maintained until the latter's death. In a profession in which advancement is proverbially slow Mr. Wright forged steadily ahead. The thoroughness and care with which he prepared his cases and the precision and clearness with which he presented his arguments soon won him a large clientele and he became recognized as one of the foremost attorneys of southeastern Illinois. In 1894 he was elected county and probate judge of Hamilton county and was renominated in 1898 but declined the candidacy in order that he might help to organize a regiment for service in the Spanish-American war. At the time Colonel Wright decided to give up the active practice of law, Mrs. Mary Ellen Clond McCoy gave to the city of McLeansboro her fine mansion as a library. Colonel Wright was called upon to participate in the dedication, but instead of attending the ceremonies he mailed to the library authorities an invoice of his extensive legal library, which he presented to them in its entirety, with an additional gift of one thousand dollars to maintain it as a memorial to his great-uncle, Samuel Scott Marshall, and law partner of William Hamill. As stated Mr. Wright aided in organizing a regiment for the Spanish-American war. The command became known as the Ninth Illinois and Mr. Wright was to have

been lieutenant colonel thereof but demoted himself in favor of Eben B. Swift, who was a captain in the regular army and who later became a major general. Mr. Wright was made regimental adjutant of the regiment, which served in Cuba. Following his military experience his health failed and he became interested in outdoor work, being made Illinois sales manager for the Chicago Lumber & Coal Company, at which time he resided in Mount Vernon, Illinois. The same spirit of loyalty to country which has characterized his ancestors down through the years, being manifest in active service in all of the wars in which the country has been engaged, he again came to the front during the World war. He helped to organize a Roosevelt regiment, which was mustered in as the Tenth Illinois N.G., and on account of local strike conditions was never federalized. He made application for active service, was examined at Fort Sheridan and was recommended for a commission in the regular army. He is known throughout the state by the title of colonel because of his service as commander of the Department of Illinois of the United Spanish War Veterans. He insists that his highest military rank was that of major.

In 1928, thirty years after the Spanish-American war, the United Spanish War Veterans were guests of Cuba in a national convention held that year in Havana, and Colonel Wright was in command of the Illinois Department. He stands always ready to do his part in every way to further the interests of community, commonwealth or country.

In politics he has ever been an active democrat and was one of the original supporters of William Jennings Bryan, and when there was held an out-of-season state convention, for the purpose of defining the party's relation to the question of the free coinage of silver, at a time when John P. Altgeld and Grover Cleveland were vying with each other for leadership in the party, he was an active delegate and co-worker with Bryan. It was at this time that Illinois became the first state to declare for the free and unlimited coinage of silver. Colonel Wright was an ardent admirer of Bryan and heard his famous speech, "Crown of Thorns and Cross of Gold," at the national convention that nominated him. Mr. Wright afterwards became a candidate for clerk of the supreme court on the Alschuler ticket but was defeated in the republican landslide of 1902. He has been a loyal supporter of the different candidates for governor, and especially interested in the candidacy of Norman L. Jones as governor, and also as chief justice of the Illinois supreme court. Colonel Wright has long been a friend and admirer of James Hamilton Lewis, now United States senator from Illinois. They were comrades in the Spanish-American war, and naturally he urged all of the war veterans to get behind Mr. Lewis, which made his election an easy one. Lewis was a stalwart advocate for benefits of disabled veterans and won distinction in his fight against "embalmed beef," impure foods, inert medicines and bad camp conditions. His untiring efforts for the improvement of all having to do with the welfare of the soldier led him to be the unqualified choice of the veterans for his present position. Colonel Wright has a most extensive acquaintance among those high in party councils, where his own opinions carry weight because of his keen insight into political situations and possibilities. His staunch advocacy of the party dates from his college days, when he became aligned with the Jefferson Club of the University of Michigan, which was a literary club with democratic affiliation. He was elected to the office of club critic and was a student of the life of Jefferson and his political works. The Colonel now has membership in the Jeffersonian Club of Springfield and is also a member of the Veterans Democratic League of Illinois. Recently he has been in the state treasurer's office under Edward Barrett, putting a revaluation on collateral loans made from the teachers' pension fund. Whatever concerns the success of his party is of interest to him and his analytical mind enables him to delve deep into the sources of things and to rate each political element at its true value.

On the 30th of December, 1888, Colonel Wright was married in McLeansboro

to Miss Carrie S. Sabine, a daughter of the Rev. C. W. Sabine, a Civil war veteran and a minister of the Methodist Church. They have a daughter and a son: Roberta, who became the wife of Robert Burton, an aviation ace during the World war, and is now a widow living in Chicago; and William, who is engaged in the lumber business in Springfield and who has followed in the footsteps of his ancestors in regard to military affairs, having served in the World war. Colonel Wright belongs to the Baptist Church, while his wife has membership in the Methodist Church. He is also well known in fraternal circles, having membership in McLeansboro Lodge, No. 111, of the Knights of Pythias, of which he was chief officer for many years. He has likewise been venerable counsel of the Modern Woodmen of America and was a delegate to the national convention of the order in St. Paul. In Masonic circles he has attained high rank, being a Knights Templar and a life member of Ansar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. It was Louis L. Emmerson, former governor of Illinois, who made application for Colonel Wright's Knights Templar degrees. He is now a member of the Illinois State Bar Association. His life record reflects credit upon that of an honored ancestry, for he has lived up to the high citizenship standard of his forebears. He is an active member of Gen'l John A. McClelland Camp No. 4, Sons of Civil War Union Veterans, also the local post of Veterans of Foreign Wars of United States and the Egyptian Camp of United Spanish American War Veterans.

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#### RALPH J. HEFFERMAN

Ralph J. Hefferman is a member of the well known Bloomington law firm of Pratt, Hefferman & Ramseyer, which he organized in 1919, and he is also doing effective work as chairman of the park board of Bloomington. He was born in Bloomington, Illinois, November 26, 1890, his parents being Colonel John F. and Matilda (Kloppenbergh) Hefferman. His early education was acquired in the public schools of his native city and following his graduation from St. Mary's high school he entered St. Viator College at Bourbonnais, Illinois. His professional training was received in the College of Law of Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, from which he was graduated with the degree of LL. B. in 1913, and he began the practice of law at Bloomington in association with Martin A. Brennan, now congressman at large from Illinois. This relation was maintained until the United States entered the World war, when Mr. Hefferman enlisted for service with the Three Hundred and Eleventh Ammunition Train, with which he spent eight months in France. In May, 1919, he was honorably discharged with the rank of first lieutenant. He has since been an active member of the American Legion, has been very successful in raising funds for the organization, and served as a member of its board of managers. Resuming the practice of his chosen profession in Bloomington in 1919, Mr. Hefferman organized the law firm of Pratt, Hefferman & Ramseyer, which has since been accorded a most gratifying and profitable clientele. He is a member of the McLean County Bar Association, the Illinois Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the legal fraternity Phi Alpha Delta.

In 1919 Mr. Hefferman was united in marriage to Miss Amy Burgess, of Bloomington, Illinois, and they are the parents of four children: Ruth Mary, thirteen years of age; Ann, ten years old; Katherine, a maiden of seven summers; and John, who is five years of age. Mrs. Hefferman is a board member of the Children's Industrial Home of Bloomington and is also a leader of the Girl Scouts.

Mr. Hefferman devotes considerable time to his activities in connection with the Boy Scout movement, which is his hobby, for he believes that the future of the rising generation is moulded between the ages of six and sixteen. His office is locked each Saturday, for on that day he is with his boys at Camp Hefferman, named in his honor, on Lake Bloomington. Moreover, he is widely recognized as one of the leaders and generous supporters of the democratic party in McLean



county, making liberal contributions to the organization of both his time and means without thought of personal reward. At this writing he is chairman of the park board in Bloomington and is carrying forward a program for the beautification of the city by the planting of two thousand trees. Mr. Hefferman has always lived in Bloomington and enjoys high standing among its able lawyers and influential citizens.

### JEROME O'CONNELL

Among the well known lawmakers of Illinois stands Jerome O'Connell, of Morris, who is now a member of the state senate. He has long been a leading party worker in Grundy county and in 1932 was called to represent the twentieth district in the upper house of the general assembly. His birth occurred in Grundy county, Illinois, April 11, 1867, his parents being Daniel and Mary (McHugh) O'Connell, the former a native of Whitefield, Maine, while the mother was born in Foxford, County Mayo, Ireland. In the paternal line, too, the ancestry can be traced back to the Emerald Isle, for William O'Connell, the great-grandfather of Jerome O'Connell, was born in Ireland and became the founder of the family in the new world. Crossing the Atlantic, he settled in Maine and afterward went to Kentucky with his son, John O'Connell, who was born in Maine, and the family. William O'Connell died in the Blue Grass state and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Frankfort. His son, John O'Connell, grandfather of Senator O'Connell, left Kentucky to become a resident of Illinois in 1843, at which time he settled in Pekin, but after six months there passed he brought his family up the Illinois river by boat to Peru and thence walked to the site of the birthplace of Senator O'Connell in Grundy county. There he established a home and devoted his life to farming. He had married Elizabeth Maloy, a native of Maine, and they traveled life's journey happily together, being separated by death only a little more than a week, for Mrs. O'Connell departed this life just nine days after her husband's death. John O'Connell was a democrat in his political faith.

Daniel O'Connell, son of John and Elizabeth O'Connell and father of Senator O'Connell, was born in Whitefield, Maine, in 1832 and was therefore about eleven years of age when he came to Illinois with his parents in 1843. He was twenty years old when his father passed away in 1852, at the age of fifty-three years. There were six brothers and two sisters in the family younger than Daniel O'Connell and he assumed the responsibility of rearing and caring for the younger ones. This he did most successfully, caring for them until they became of age, and all lived to be useful and prosperous citizens. Daniel O'Connell followed the occupation of farming as a life work and was one of the well known agriculturists of Grundy county. He, too, voted the democratic ticket and for thirty-three years, with the exception of a single term, he was a member of the board of supervisors of Grundy county and during much of that time acted as chairman of the board. During almost the same length of time, and at the same time, he occupied a local school office. In 1890 he was elected county treasurer and filled that position for four years. He was a devout Catholic and died in the faith in 1895. Such was his known honesty that he was called upon to settle many large estates in Grundy county where there was no will, his judgment being relied upon because of his fair play under all conditions and circumstances. He also settled many family quarrels at the request of those concerned and he exercised a wide influence for right and justice. He had a family of four sons and two daughters, of whom Senator O'Connell is the only one now living. One of his sons, Daniel O'Connell, Jr., was in many ways very much like his father. He served for three consecutive terms in the Illinois legislature and he left the impress of his ability upon the legislative records of the state. For many years he followed farming, continuing active along that line until about 1910, when he established a lumber-yard and bank in Kinsman, where





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he exerted a wide influence over public thought and action. He was mayor of the town and did much in connection with municipal welfare. In 1912 he was first elected to represent his district in the general assembly and endorsement of his first term came in two reelections. He was also for some years a member of the county board of supervisors and he aided greatly in shaping the history of Grundy county through many years. He died January 14, 1919, soon after the close of his third legislative term.

Jerome O'Connell was educated in the school near the home farm and remained on the farm until he was twenty-six years of age. On the 16th of September, 1892, he walked to Morris, arriving after dark. When he was twenty-one years of age he began reading law, but his mother persuaded him to discontinue. Again, after he established his home in Morris at the age of twenty-six, his mother came to talk against any idea that he might have of continuing his preparation for the bar. Her chief point of argument was that she had never known a successful lawyer who was honest. Mr. O'Connell gave in to the wishes of his mother and sought other lines of business. He entered the employ of the First National Bank of Morris and was with that institution for three years. He then became a traveling salesman and continued in the sale of farm implements until 1932, always making his home in Morris.

Mr. O'Connell has continuously supported the democratic party since becoming a voter and has always taken an active and helpful interest in local politics, doing his work when home over the week-end and for two weeks prior to election when he would take his annual vacation. On the 12th of April, 1932, he was nominated for state senator and resigned his position as a traveling salesman on the 1st of May in order that he might give his time to campaigning. He was the successful candidate, being elected in November, and he is now serving a four years' term in the senate, where his record shows that he carefully and earnestly considers all vital matters which come up for settlement and gives his support where he believes the best interests of the state will be promoted. Senator O'Connell is the first democratic senator to represent his district, and is the first senator to be elected from Grundy county. He is serving on the committees on agriculture, corporations and municipalities, drainage, industrial affairs, parks and playgrounds, public health, public welfare, railroads, revenue, roads, highway transportation, transportation and aviation, and waterways.

On the 19th of April, 1893, Mr. O'Connell married Miss Margaret Nowlan, who died in February, 1897. To them were born three children: Alice and Arthur, twins; and Nora, who died in infancy. On the 14th of October, 1913, Mr. O'Connell wedded Anna Fitzgerald, who passed away January 19, 1930, and December 20, 1932, he married Nellie O'Brien. The O'Connell family is indeed well known in Grundy county, where its representatives have lived through three generations, taking active part in all that pertains to the community and its upbuilding. A most public-spirited citizen, Jerome O'Connell has added to the fair name of the family and his record is one which reflects credit and honor upon the district which he is now representing in legislative halls.

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### JOHN FRANK PETIT

John Frank Petit, an honored resident of Batavia who is representing the fourteenth district in the Illinois general assembly, was born at Sugar Grove, Kane county, this state, September 29, 1887, a son of Peter and Susan (Lies) Petit. He has a brother and a sister, Michael and Catherine, the latter being now the wife of Peter Feltes, a farmer living near Aurora.

John F. Petit attended parochial and public schools of Aurora and after putting aside his textbooks worked on his father's farm until about twenty-three years of age, when he rented the property and continued its cultivation independently for three years. He then disposed of his farming interests and removed to North Aurora, where he entered the coal and insurance business, continuing

actively in the coal trade until 1920, when he sold out. In the meantime, in 1917, he was appointed postmaster at Mooseheart and continued to occupy that position until 1921, when he turned his attention to the chemical business, which he conducted under the name of the Prairie Chemical Company until 1931, selling out in that year to C. P. Nilles of Aurora.

In 1928 Mr. Petit was elected to the state legislature, in which he has served by re-election for three consecutive terms, and he is again the nominee of his party for the office. Mr. Petit has been an active factor in politics for a long period. He has done much campaigning and was a staunch supporter of R. A. Milroy when in 1915 the latter was a candidate for the legislature. Success attended Mr. Milroy, so that he served for one term in the general assembly, being the last democrat elected to the house from the fourteenth district until Mr. Petit was elected in 1928. The latter has represented the district in the fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth general assemblies and is now serving in the fifty-ninth. He has remained a most active party worker since 1916, has been a delegate to all of the state conventions during this period and has attended all of the national conventions of the party. In December, 1933, Mr. Petit and his associates succeeded in nominating a complete county ticket and for the first time in its history Kane county went democratic. There were five nominated for major offices, among them Mr. Petit. In April, 1934, Mr. Petit was instrumental in putting forth Ralph T. Morrissey for the position of county chairman, his opponent being J. E. Alschuler, who was chairman at that time. His labors in behalf of the party have always been intelligently directed and his earnestness and force of character are strong elements in his success. He has been highly complimented on his distribution of patronage and he has done all that is humanly possible for his party and his constituents.

On the 11th of October, 1910, Mr. Petit was married to Elizabeth A. Besch, a daughter of William and Angela (Feldes) Besch, the former having been superintendent of car construction for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Petit became the parents of thirteen children: Cecilia A., William A., Fred M., Clara C. and Catherine M., who are graduates of the Aurora high school; Christine E., attending school in Aurora; Edmund P., Mary A., Joseph J., Leo F., Daniel and Betty C., all attending school in Batavia; and Camille A. The daughter Cecilia on July 11, 1934, became the wife of Fred M. Ambre, of Aurora, who is engaged in electrical engineering with the Western United Gas & Electric Company of Aurora. On the 3d of May, 1933, Mrs. Petit departed this life and upon learning of her passing the general assembly adjourned in honor of her memory. On that occasion floral offerings were sent by many of the members of the state legislature and also one by the governor and the president. Thirty-two priests were present at the funeral service, including three monsignors, and there were two hundred and fifty cars in the funeral procession.

Mr. Petit attends the Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church of Batavia and he is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He also belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Western Catholic Union and the Loyal Order of Moose at Batavia. Since selling his chemical business he has been actively engaged in the real estate and insurance business with his father, Peter Petit, under the firm name of Petit & Petit. One of the best known citizens of Kane county, he has long occupied a position of prominence in public affairs not only of his community but of the state, and his aid and influence are ever given on the side of reform, progress and improvement.

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#### ARNOLD J. FIDLER

Prominent among the energetic far-sighted and successful young business men of Aurora is Mr. Arnold J. Fidler. So far, his life illustrates most happily what may be attained by faithful and continuous effort in carrying out an honest



purpose. His unusual success so early in life may be attributed primarily to the possession of those most necessary qualities,—activity, energy, and integrity. Valuable business connections have also helped to advance this young man's position among Aurora's well known citizens.

Our subject is engaged in the general insurance business with offices in the Mercantile block in Aurora, Illinois. His agency, known as Arnold J. Fidler & Company, was established in 1930, and is affiliated with the Fidler Land Agency. Evidence of Mr. Fidler's worth as a public spirited young man is shown in his appointment by the state president of the Illinois Young Peoples Democratic League to the chairmanship of the eleventh congressional district with headquarters in Aurora.

Mr. Fidler is a native of Aurora where he was born July 28, 1909. His father, Nicholas M. Fidler, has been engaged in the real estate, sub-division and investment business in Aurora since 1910. The elder Mr. Fidler is recognized as one of the leading realtors of this section of the state. He possesses a strong character, charming personality and a sturdy physique. Such characteristics command confidence and respect among his fellowmen. Arnold Fidler's mother is Josephine M. Petit Fidler. She is the mother of six boys and one girl. Joseph and Robert died in infancy. Clarence, Raymond, Urban, Arnold and Mary Josephine were reared and educated in the Aurora schools. The family is industrious and persistent in its endeavor to become successful in the business world. In addition to the associations and good training which the son, Arnold, obtained from his parents, he is fortunate to receive the advice and direction of Representative John F. Petit, his godfather.

Our biographee attended the Aurora elementary schools and later was graduated from the Fox Valley high school. After leaving high school, he studied at Loyola University, College of Medicine, in Chicago. The financial crisis of 1930 necessitated his leaving school and entering the insurance business. Shortly thereafter he became affiliated with the democratic party and was elected committeeman of the nineteenth precinct in Aurora. His interest and initiative in the party were the cause of his selection as leader among the Young Democrats of this section of Illinois. Following his election to this political office, he influenced many young people to accept and uphold the principles of the democratic platform. Being such an ardent young democrat, he cast his ballot in the November, 1932, election, thereby aiding in the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt to the presidency of the United States and Henry Horner to the governorship of Illinois. Eight months later, the democratic state committee, at the personal request of Governor Horner, appointed Mr. Fidler supervisor of insurance agents and brokers of the Illinois state insurance department in the capitol city. After having performed the duties of this position efficiently and successfully, he was appointed athletic director at the St. Charles School for Boys in St. Charles, Illinois. Further recognition of his ability was shown two months later by his being recalled to Springfield to work in the employ of the Honorable W. J. Walsh, secretary of Governor Horner's employment bureau.

Mr. Fidler is a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church of Aurora and of the Holy Name Society. He is connected fraternally with several national social organizations. He is unmarried and resides with his parents in the Fox Valley city. Our subject is one whose ambition and diligence argue well for a successful and prosperous future.

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#### HON. MAURICE V. JOYCE

Hon. Maurice V. Joyce, of East St. Louis, who was elected judge of the circuit court of the third circuit on the 5th of June, 1933, has long been an outstanding figure in democratic circles in southwestern Illinois. He has rendered notable service to his party through many years' connection with the democratic county central committee and for four years as a member of the state central committee.

Judge Joyce was born in East St. Louis, October 28, 1873. His father,

Maurice Joyce, a native of Ireland, came to the United States when a youth of fourteen years. He engaged in the retail grocery business in East St. Louis and not only gained for himself an enviable place in mercantile circles but was also equally well known because of his active support of the democratic party. He served for two terms as mayor of East St. Louis and gave to the city a businesslike and progressive administration which was fruitful in bringing about various needed reforms. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Anna Galvin, was a native of Ireland.

In the public schools of his native city Maurice V. Joyce began his education and afterward attended the St. Louis University, from which he received his Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees. With the determination to make law practice his life work, he then entered the Harvard Law School and won his LL. B. degree as a graduate of the class of 1896. Admitted to the bar in the same year, he opened an office for practice in East St. Louis, where he joined Jesse M. Freels in a partnership relation under the firm style of Freels & Joyce. They joined forces on the 1st of January, 1899, and the partnership existed for nine years, during which they won an enviable position at the St. Clair county bar. Mr. Joyce during this period served for one term as master in chancery of the city court at East St. Louis and from 1903 until 1909 was city attorney. He also acted as special counsel for the city of St. Louis in the building of the municipal bridge across the Mississippi. It is natural that a man of his activity and foresight should be called to a position of leadership and thus it was that he was made a member of the democratic county central committee, in which capacity he served for many years. He was then elected to the state central committee and so served for four years. As time passed he continued in the active practice of law until June 5, 1933, when he became judge of the circuit court, and his record on the bench is one which is reflecting credit upon the judicial history of this district. Judge Joyce has been a delegate to all the democratic conventions of the state for the past twenty-four years and to the national convention of his party which was held in San Francisco in 1920. He has always regarded the practice of law as his real life work and has ever been a close and earnest student of legal principles, so that he has advanced steadily in his career at the bar. He belongs to the East St. Louis Bar Association, of which he is a past president, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association and has always held to high professional standards.

In 1904 Judge Joyce was married to Miss Reine C. Jones, who passed away, and later he wedded Grace Krummel. His children are Maurice, Jr., and Jean K. The Judge is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and has taken very prominent part in the work of the order, being active in the organization of its councils in southern Illinois. He also served as the first grand knight of the East St. Louis Council and as the first district deputy in southern Illinois. His interest in community welfare is deep and sincere and he has done much effective work for the public good, being now a past director and president of the East St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Community Fund Association and now president of the East St. Louis Community House Association.

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#### HON. JAMES C. MAYOR

Hon. James C. Mayor, of La Harpe, Hancock county, is the present representative of the thirty-second district in the state senate and is accorded a position of leadership in his section of Illinois. His entire life has been passed in Hancock county, his birth having occurred about three and one-half miles south of La Harpe, May 21, 1878. The family is of English lineage and was established in America by his grandfather, John Mayor, who was born in Preston, England, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Ann Bradshaw, was also a native of Preston. About 1840 John Mayor sailed from Liverpool, England, for New Orleans and thence proceeded up the Mississippi river to



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Nauvoo, Illinois. He became a staunch democrat in his political faith and was an ardent admirer of Stephen A. Douglas. His son, John Mayor, Jr., was born in La Harpe, Illinois, in 1852, and died in 1878, when but twenty-six years of age. He had married Angeline Gilliland, who was born in Ohio in 1853 and also departed this life in 1878.

James C. Mayor was less than a year old when left an orphan and was reared by his paternal grandmother and his aunt, Martha Mayor. He attended the public schools of La Harpe and Giddings Seminary and started out in the business world as an employe in a store in La Harpe. Making wise use of his time and opportunities and carefully saving his earnings, he was enabled to establish business on his own account in 1908, when he opened a dry-goods and shoe store, which he conducted until 1918. He then sold out and turned his attention to the grain and fuel business in connection with his uncle, George Coulson, the partnership being maintained until his uncle's death in January, 1930, since which time Senator Mayor has continued the business alone. His close application and unfailing energy constitute the foundation upon which he has builded a substantial and well merited success.

On the 4th of October, 1903, Senator Mayor was married to Miss Edna Roberts, a daughter of John R. and Clara (Gochenour) Roberts. They have two children: John R., now a teacher of mathematics in the University of Wisconsin; and Martha Edith, who is teaching in the schools of Kewanee, Illinois. Mrs. Mayor is the present regent of Rene Cossitt, Jr. Chapter, D. A. R., and is also very active in the P. E. O.

Mr. Mayor is well known in Masonic circles, having taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine. He has never faltered in his allegiance to the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and his activities in local political circles have constituted a stepping-stone to higher activities. In La Harpe he has served as a member and as president of the board of education. Elected to the board of supervisors, his efficiency in that office led to his reelection until he had served for three terms, being chairman of the board during his last year in office. In November, 1932, he was the successful candidate of his party for the position of state senator from the thirty-second district and is now a member of the upper house of the state legislature, where he is giving earnest and careful consideration to all vital legislative problems. In the last session he was chairman of the committee on public health and a member of the committees on agriculture, civil service, drainage, education, forestry, fish and game, industrial affairs, license and miscellany, parks and playgrounds, railroads and revenue.

He was appointed by Governor Horner a member of the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Commission. He is a man of winning personality, cordial and genial, and he makes friends wherever he goes.

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### HERSCHEL VOLANY TEEL

The life of Herschel Volany Teel is a typical exemplification of rugged, vigorous, pioneer development. John Teel, the founder of the family in America, came from Germany where the name Teel was originally Von Thiel. He settled in the colony of New Jersey and raised a family of twenty-four children. He served as a captain in the Revolutionary war and his son John belonged to the regular army and took part in the War of 1812. The latter was the father of Henry P. Teel, who moved from New Jersey to Pennsylvania, where he married Martha Ann Mathews. Her father, James Mathews, was born aboard a sailing vessel on which his parents were migrating from Ireland. James A. Teel, the oldest child of Henry P. and Martha Ann Teel, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1830. When three years of age, he came with his parents to

Illinois, arriving in Rushville, Schuyler county. They soon moved to Fort Madison, Iowa, where James' mother made a broadcloth coat for Keokuk, the Indian chief, to wear to Washington to see the President. In 1845 the Teels returned to Rushville, where James continued to reside with his parents until 1849, when the tide of empire swept him westward to California in the wild rush for gold. A mere lad of nineteen years, he walked the entire distance, driving a team of oxen. In 1851 he returned to Rushville. Again in 1853, the lure of the wanderlust called him to the gold fields, but after a few months he returned to Illinois. He engaged in farming and soon turned his attention to the breeding of fine cattle, in which enterprise he was eminently successful. For almost half a century, he was recognized throughout the middle west as one of the foremost breeders of registered shorthorn cattle.

In 1856, James A. Teel was united in marriage to Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Jonathan and Nancy Skiles Smith; Elizabeth was born in a log cabin which her father built on a tract of land seven miles northeast of Rushville, which he obtained in 1827. Her mother, Nancy Skiles, was born in 1802 in Jasper county, Tennessee. Her people were of English descent and were among the earliest pioneers to leave North Carolina.

Near the log cabin of Jonathan Smith, on the same farm, James Teel erected the house in which his son Herschel was born, March 3, 1868. This farm has remained in the family for more than a hundred years and is now the cherished possession of Herschel Teel. It was the home of his youth, where he was trained in habits of thrift and frugality. His parents were essentially pioneer in all their ways. No idle moments were granted to their children, hard labor was their portion. At the tender age of ten years, Herschel was required to follow the plow, walking on tip-toe, in order that his hands might reach the plow handles. He would do a man's work feeding cattle each morning before going to the country school where he received his elementary education. Eager for knowledge, he assiduously utilized every opportunity offered by the rural school.

In 1890 he was graduated from Kennedy's Normal and Business College, then a flourishing institution in Rushville. In 1894 he was graduated from Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois, and in 1895, from the law department of Northwestern University, receiving honorable mention.

Judge Teel began the practice of law in Rushville, where he still continues. From 1898 to 1906, he served on the bench as judge of the county and probate court of Schuyler county. But the call of nature was always beckoning him and his love of the great outdoors finally prevailed. In 1910, he became interested in the reclamation of swamp lands along the Illinois river. He devoted much time to the organization and development of the Crane Creek Drainage and Levee District of which he is the principal landowner and the sole commissioner. Due to his management, this district is regarded as one of the very best in the Illinois River Valley.

Judge Teel's innate powers of industry, perseverance and self-reliance, which his early environment and training developed to a high degree, have helped him over many a rough place and seemingly insurmountable obstacle. He generally succeeds in whatever he attempts to accomplish.

In politics, the Teels have been democrats since Captain John Teel, a personal friend of Thomas Jefferson, helped to organize the party. In 1894, James A. Teel was elected to the state legislature. As a representative, he was prominent in the organization of the Farmers' Institute and was known as an honest, upright legislator whose sole aim was for legislation for the greatest good to the greatest number. Judge Teel has been a life long democrat. In 1924, at the urgent request of friends, he became a candidate for the legislature, to which body he was elected as a member of the lower house and was recently re-elected for the sixth consecutive term. His record is one of honest service.

## HON. PAUL FARTHING

Descended from fine American ancestry and achieving eminent success in life despite a blindness which a lesser man would have considered an insurmountable handicap, Mr. Justice Paul Farthing of the Illinois Supreme Court, serving the First District, is a distinct factor in the strength and development of the democratic party in the state. His home is now in Belleville, Illinois, but he was born in Odin, Illinois, on April 12, 1887, and is a son of William D. and Sarah (Phillips) Farthing. His father, now deceased, was a prominent citizen of Marion county, Illinois, and served as state's attorney there for nearly thirty-two years. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served with General Sherman in the Forty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Justice Farthings' mother is a direct descendent of William Johnson, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war in the command of Gen. Francis Marion, the famous Swamp Fox.

Mr. Justice Farthing attended the public schools of Odin. During his youth however, his sight was destroyed by an accidental gunshot wound. Undaunted by this occurrence, he then completed a course in high school work at the State School for the Blind in Jacksonville, and then attended McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois, from which latter school he received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree.

Having been admitted to the bar in St. Clair county, Mr. Justice Farthing began the practice of law in partnership with his brother, Chester H. Farthing. For six years, he was master in chancery in the city court of East St. Louis, and then was county judge of St. Clair county from December, 1930, until June, 1933, when he was elected to his place on the state's supreme court bench.

Mr. Justice Farthing was married June 18, 1914 to Harriet Helen Garrigues of Los Angeles, California, and they have three children, Sarah Mary, Edna Grace and William D.

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HON. ROBERT E. LARKIN

Judge Robert E. Larkin, of Streator, has the distinction of being the first democratic circuit judge elected in the thirteenth judicial district in thirty-six years, and his record on the bench fully justifies the confidence in him which his fellow citizens expressed at the polls, June 5, 1933. A native of La Salle county, Illinois, he was born in Eagle township, May 9, 1880, a son of Thomas and Delia Larkin. After completing the work of the grades in the public schools he attended the Streator high school and was graduated from St. Bede College at Peru, Illinois, in the class of 1902. Following his preparation for the practice of law, he was admitted to the Illinois bar in October, 1906, and immediately entered upon the work of the profession, remaining in active private practice until his election to the bench. He was a law partner of the Hon. Patrick J. Lucey from September, 1907, until the latter took office as attorney general of Illinois in January, 1913. While advancement at the bar is proverbially slow, Judge Larkin was not long in building up a good practice, and until his elevation to the bench, he was accorded a large clientele and was connected with much of the most important litigation heard in the courts of the district. His fitness for judicial service led to his nomination for judge of the circuit court, and the public, largely regardless of party affiliation, rallied to his support, making him the first democrat to be seated on the bench of the thirteenth judicial district in more than a third of a century. In the fairness and impartiality of his decisions he is meeting the fullest expectations of his constituents.

Judge Larkin has always been a democrat, working for his party at every available opportunity, and he attended the national conventions of 1916 and 1924. He took a helpful part in civic activities during the World war, being chairman of the home service section of the Red Cross, a member of the legal



advisory board for the Streator draft board, collector of field glasses for the war department, a Four-Minute man for the Liberty Loan drives and a member of the State Council of Defense. In matters of citizenship he has always stood for progress and improvement.

The religious belief of Judge Larkin is that of the Roman Catholic Church. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Streator Chamber of Commerce and the Streator Country Club, and his affiliation along professional lines is with the La Salle County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. His colleagues and contemporaries in the field of law have always entertained for him high regard in recognition of his close conformity to the highest ethical standards of the profession.

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#### JOSEPH A. LONDRIGAN

Joseph A. Londrigan, who in June, 1933, was appointed assistant attorney general of Illinois under Otto Kerner and maintains his office in the Ridgely Bank building of Springfield, was born in the capital city August 17, 1894, and is descended in both the paternal and maternal lines from Irish ancestry. His parents were Thomas and Johanna (Gorman) Londrigan, the former a native of Springfield, while the latter was born near Champaign, Illinois. His father died in 1934, the mother still living in Springfield.

Joseph A. Londrigan attended the Springfield public schools until graduated from high school with the class of 1912. He afterward worked for two years for the Wabash Railroad Company and then spent a similar period as an employe of the state utility commission under civil service. In 1917 he joined the United States Army air service and was trained at Austin, Texas.

In the meantime, when about twenty years of age, Mr. Londrigan began the study of law in the Lincoln College of Law in Springfield in 1914, and following his discharge at the close of his military service he took and successfully passed the bar examination, being admitted to practice in 1919. For the first year of his active connection with the bar he was associated with Arthur Fitzgerald, at the end of which time he opened an office independently in the United Mine Workers building, where he remained until 1933, when he removed to his present location in the Ridgely Bank building. Previously, however, he had spent about a year in East St. Louis, his chief client being the Illinois Mine Workers, and through this connection he has built up a large practice. He has ever guarded his clients' interests with the utmost care and in the courts has presented his case with precision and clearness, resulting from an intimate and accurate knowledge of the law. On the 1st of June, 1933, he was appointed assistant attorney general under General Otto Kerner. Since attaining his majority he has been an earnest supporter of democratic principles and in 1924 was elected chairman of the Sangamon county central committee, while since that term he has been a member of its executive committee. Frequently he attends the state conventions as a delegate and his opinions at all times carry weight in party councils.

Mr. Londrigan belongs to Capital City Post, No. 754, of the American Legion. He is a communicant of the Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church and fraternally is identified with the Knights of Columbus, while his name is also on the membership rolls of the Optimist Club and the Springfield Mercantile Club. During his school days and his military service he was active in athletics, playing on the high school football team for four years and for five years after his graduation with semi-professional teams. In the army he was rated as one of the best boxers of his camp and is yet an ardent sports fan. He is frequently seen on the links, greatly enjoying a game of golf. His interest, however, centers in his profession and he is a member of the Sangamon County, Illinois and American Bar Associations.





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## HON. PETER MURPHY

Hon. Peter Murphy, who is now serving as circuit judge of the seventeenth congressional district, has been an active representative of the legal profession during the past third of a century, being successfully engaged in the general practice of law at Lincoln. He was born in Logan county, Illinois, December 17, 1868, his parents being Patrick and Margaret (Donahue) Murphy, natives of Ireland. The father, who lived in New York city for several years prior to coming to Illinois, devoted his attention to farming pursuits and was an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party.

Peter Murphy acquired his early education in the public schools and subsequently completed a course at the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale. Thereafter he taught school in Logan county for two years and next read law in the office of Beach & Hodnett until admitted to the bar in December, 1898. He opened a law office at Lincoln in May, 1900, and in the fall of the same year was elected states attorney. He maintained a law partnership with Judge Donald McCormick until 1923, since which time he has practiced independently, his clientele steadily growing in volume and importance with the passing years. His name is on the membership rolls of the Logan County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association.

Aside from his professional activities Judge Murphy has figured prominently in politics as a supporter of the democratic party. He was a delegate to the democratic national convention at St. Louis which nominated Woodrow Wilson in 1916, and as a member of the fiftieth general assembly of Illinois he voted for the resolutions sustaining President Wilson in matters pertaining to the World war. Judge Murphy was also a delegate to the national convention at Houston in 1928 and has been a delegate or visitor to every state convention of his party during the past thirty years. He has been an intermittent member of the democratic county central committee for twenty-five years and has served as its chairman for a decade. When elected mayor of Lincoln in 1929 he carried every ward in the city. He is now serving on the bench, having been elected circuit judge of the seventeenth congressional district on the 5th of June, 1933, and is making a highly creditable and commendable record in this connection.

On the 2d of May, 1899, Judge Murphy was united in marriage to Katherine L. Bollin, of Lincoln, Illinois, and they are the parents of two daughters: Esther K., who is the wife of W. D. Huff, of Chicago; and Ruth E., the wife of C. N. Brennan, of Chicago. Judge Murphy is a communicant of St. Patrick's Church and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Columbus, being a past grand knight of the last named.

## EDWARD P. ALLEN

Prominent among the representatives of democracy in western Illinois is numbered Edward P. Allen, a leading lawyer of Quincy, who is now filling the office of state's attorney of Adams county and is also the vice chairman of the democratic state central committee. In fact he is one of the outstanding members of the party, widely known in its ranks and active in shaping its policy and in promoting its development.

Mr. Allen was born in Quincy, Illinois, January 15, 1885, a son of John A. and Anna (Lane) Allen. The father was born in Fishkill, Dutchess county, New York, December 12, 1824, and was a graduate of Brown University of Providence, Rhode Island. In young manhood he became associated with his father in the operation of a woolen mill at Fall River, Massachusetts, and subsequently they owned and operated a woolen mill at Woonsocket, Rhode Island. John A. Allen served as a member of the Fourth Rhode Island Regiment of Infantry during the Civil war, became major thereof and later was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. For six months he was military governor of

North and South Carolina, serving for three years and four months, at the end of which time he resigned on account of ill health. In 1867 he left the Atlantic seaboard and came to Quincy, Illinois, where his remaining days were passed, his death occurring November 6, 1906. For thirty years he acceptably filled the office of justice of the peace here and was always regarded as a most public-spirited and valuable citizen. His wife survived him for more than a year. She was born in Newton Falls, Ohio, March 9, 1837, and died February 13, 1908.

Edward P. Allen attended the public schools of Quincy, mastering the work of successive grades until he was graduated from high school. He then took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1907, since which time he has continuously engaged in practice in Quincy, winning for himself a prominent position at the bar of this city. For the past fifteen years his hobby has been breeding and exhibiting fancy saddle horses and he has been the owner of some very valuable stock.

Mr. Allen became active in politics at an early age and has always been a zealous supporter of democratic principles. In 1909 he was elected city attorney of Quincy and served for six years. He was also master in chancery in the circuit court of Adams county for two years. In 1914 he became a democratic nominee for congress and again in 1916 and 1918. In 1928 he was elected state's attorney for a four-year period and was re-elected in 1932, so that he is now serving for the second term. For four years he has been secretary of the Adams county democratic central committee and for twelve years has been a member of the state central committee, during one-half of which time he has filled the office of committee secretary, so serving until April, 1934, when he was chosen vice chairman of the committee. He has attended practically all state and national democratic conventions since 1908 and his opinions carry weight in party councils. For the past fifteen years he has been master in chancery of the southern division of the United States federal court for the southern district of Illinois.

On the 8th of September, 1908, Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Maude Homan and they are the parents of two daughters, Anna Lane and Natalie. The family are communicants of the Episcopal Church and Mr. Allen is also well known in Masonic circles, being a Knight Templar and Consistory Mason. He likewise belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a zealous supporter of any cause which he espouses and his cooperation is always counted a most valuable factor in any movement with which he becomes allied.

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### JEFFERSON EARLE HOUSTON

On the list of Illinois' distinguished citizens appears the name of Jefferson Earle Houston, formerly of Peoria, who at the time of his death was serving as assistant attorney general under Otto Kerner, who is head of the legal department of the state. Mr. Houston was born on a farm in La Salle county, Illinois, June 16, 1881, a son of John Jefferson and Mary Jane (Perry) Houston. The family was established in America in 1609, a representative of the name having come to the new world on the second boat that brought settlers to the shores of this country. He took up his abode in Jamestown, Virginia, and through succeeding generations many of the family have devoted their time and talents to teaching. The grandfather of Jefferson E. Houston in the paternal line was a brother of General Sam Houston, famous Texas general when that state was a republic. They were the sons of Washington Jefferson Houston, who was associated with Alexander Campbell and Robert Story in organizing the Christian Church, the first congregation of that denomination being formed in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The grandfather of Jefferson E. Houston was sent to Illinois to head the church work in this state. He was also the first physician and built the first farm house in Pontiac. His son, John Jefferson Houston, was a prominent factor in democratic politics in Illinois and was recognized as one of the "Big Four" in La Salle county, his associates being



James Eckles, John Finland and Dan J. Heman, all of whom held public office. John J. Houston filled various local offices and devoted his time and attention largely to farming and stock raising. He followed most progressive methods in his business and brought to Illinois the first shorthorn cattle in the state from Kentucky. He also introduced the first domesticated turkeys into Illinois. He wedded Mary Jane Perry, a daughter of James Madison Perry, who was a brother of Admiral Oliver Hazard Perry, America's famous naval hero.

Jefferson E. Houston acquired his early education in the public schools of La Salle and Marshall counties and then attended the high school at Wenona, Illinois, where he was graduated. When his textbooks were put aside he started out in the business world and for some time managed a grain business. While still a resident of Marshall county and when but twenty-one years of age he became deputy county clerk, filling the position for eleven years, his length of service indicating unmistakably his fidelity to duty and his capability in the discharge of the tasks assigned him. He was connected with the government service as first assistant to Edward McCabe, head of the income tax division for the fifth Illinois district, with headquarters in Peoria, for five and one-half years and resigned that position in 1920 to become a candidate for congress but was defeated in the republican landslide which carried Harding to the presidency. While a resident of Peoria he was admitted to practice at the Illinois state bar on the 19th of June, 1917, and became a member of the Peoria County Bar Association, with which he was identified until his death. Following his defeat for congress he gave his attention to law practice in Peoria until 1933, when he was made assistant attorney general of Illinois under Otto Kerner and was thereafter identified with the office in Springfield until his life's labors were ended.

On the 4th of June, 1912, Mr. Houston was married to Miss Irene Routh, who was born in Cobourg, Ontario, Canada, but during her early girlhood accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Routh, to Lacon, Illinois. The father is a chemist and now makes his home in Lacon. The Routh family has always been allied with the democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Houston had a daughter, Mrs. E. Govan Hill, Jr., of South Bend, Indiana, who has a daughter, Gloria Louise Hill.

For a considerable period Mr. Houston was an active worker in democratic ranks and for six successive terms he was a member of the state central committee from the sixteenth district. In 1902 he became a member of the Marshall county central committee and in 1904 was made secretary of the local committee. In 1903 he was elected city clerk of Wenona, occupying the office for a year, when he resigned to become deputy county clerk. In 1928 he was made secretary of the state central committee and as such had charge of the headquarters in Springfield. He was likewise chairman of the city committee of Peoria for one term and his labors were most intelligently directed along lines that led to the development of democratic interests and won democratic successes in the state. He was widely known in party circles and he was also prominent in Masonry, belonging to Peoria Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., while in Peoria Consistory he attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He likewise crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, becoming a member of Mohammed Temple at Peoria. His loyalty to any cause which he espoused was always one of his pronounced characteristics. In his profession he displayed those qualities which make for success at the bar and his record as assistant attorney general of Illinois was a most creditable one. It was on the 18th of September, 1934, that Mr. Houston responded to a call to take the place of Governor Horner as the principal speaker at a political meeting to be held in Galesburg. While driving to Galesburg with two of his political confreres an automobile accident occurred, from the effects of which Mr. Houston died the following day, the 19th. The deepest regret at his passing

has been expressed by those eminent in democratic circles throughout the state and by prominent men of other political faith. His many splendid qualities, his genial nature, his kindly disposition, his regard for what he believed to be right and his untiring faithfulness to duty, as well as his splendid intellectual attainments, all endeared him to his fellowmen and will cause his memory to be cherished for years to come.

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#### FRANK J. JIRKA, M. D.

Dr. Frank J. Jirka, a director of the state department of health through appointment of Governor Horner in January, 1933, and widely known in the medical profession throughout the state, was born in Chicago, Illinois, June 22, 1886, a son of Dr. Frank J. and Bessie E. (Zajicek) Jirka, both of whom were natives of Czechoslovakia. The father entered the medical profession, practicing in Chicago during his active life, but died at the comparatively early age of thirty-seven years.

Reared in his native city, Dr. Frank J. Jirka of this review attended the grammar and high schools and then, having determined to follow in his father's footsteps, enrolled as a medical student in Northwestern University at Evanston, where he won his M. D. degree in 1910. In Cook County Hospital he gained that wide, varied and valuable experience which can never be acquired as rapidly in any other way as in hospital practice. Since 1913 his time has been divided between educational work, the practice of surgery and public service. He has been a member of the faculty of the medical school of the University of Illinois since 1913, being now assistant professor of surgery. He has always specialized in this field and has enjoyed a large surgical practice in Chicago, where his ability is widely recognized. He has been attending surgeon in the Cook County Hospital and in St. Anthony's Hospital of Chicago and for ten years was chief surgeon of the Chicago House of Correction. His prominence in this field led to his appointment as a member of the Chicago health department, with which he was associated from 1913 until 1917. He also acted for several years as a member of the advisory board of the institutions of Cook county. His contributions to the literature of his profession have been many and valuable. He is the author of various articles and papers on surgery which have been widely read. He has membership in the Chicago Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American College of Surgeons, where his opinions upon vital professional problems always carry weight. He is also a past president of the Bohemian Medical Society and a counselor at large of the Chicago Medical Society. His appointment to his present position as director of the state department of health came from Governor Horner in January, 1933, in recognition of his fitness for office.

In 1920 Dr. Jirka married Miss Alice Cermak, daughter of the late A. J. Cermak, mayor of Chicago. They have two children, Frank J. (III) and Mariella. The Doctor is a member of the Phi Chi medical fraternity and the Alpha Omega Alpha, an honorary fraternity. He is a Mason, with membership in Bohemia Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Oriental Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to the Medinah Athletic Club, the Medinah Country Club, the Chicago Association of Commerce and the Bohemian Club, all of which indicate the nature and breadth of his interests. His time and attention, however, have been focused upon his professional duties, and actuated by a laudable ambition, he has steadily progressed until he has become a widely recognized leader in the field of surgery.

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#### PAUL E. RUPPEL

Paul E. Ruppel, United States marshal, with offices in the Federal building at Springfield, was born in Beardstown, Cass county, Illinois, July 23, 1897. His father, J. Phil Ruppel, also a native of this state, has been engaged in the



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shoe business in Beardstown since 1865, and he always gives his political support to the democratic party. He married Anna Greve, a native of this state.

Paul E. Ruppel supplemented his public school training in Beardstown with eighteen months' study at the University of Illinois. After five attempts to enter the service during the World war he was permitted to join the United States Navy and continued on active duty throughout the remaining period of hostilities as a member of a ship's company at Great Lakes, Illinois, where he was in charge of the shoe shop.

Returning to Beardstown, Mr. Ruppel entered the shoe business with his father and continued in that line until appointed to his present position. In 1928 he became very active in support of Al Smith during the presidential campaign and since that time has given liberally of his efforts and service to the party. He is a warm personal friend of Senator William H. Dieterich and drove over twenty-two thousand miles in furthering the latter's campaign. On the 1st of July, 1933, he was appointed United States marshal and since then his management of the office has been such that it has won for him many letters of commendation from various high officials. United States Court Commissioner W. A. Ruegg, in a letter to Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, wrote at length on the increase of efficiency in the office under Mr. Ruppel as compared with his predecessor. He has five deputy marshals in his department and he displays the keenest recognition of the duties and responsibilities that devolve upon him as custodian of the public peace.

In 1919 Mr. Ruppel was married to Miss Margaret O'Neal, of Beardstown, Illinois, and they have two children, Mary Ann and Mae Louise. Mrs. Ruppel is quite active in the women's clubs and in the American Legion Auxiliary. Mr. Ruppel takes a helpful part in the Legion, has served as commander of his post, as vice commander of the twentieth district and as junior vice commander of the state of Illinois, while four times he has been a delegate to its national conventions. Formerly he was quite active in the Masonic fraternity. The duties of his office, however, leave him comparatively little time, for he regards his official service as his first consideration and does not slight his work in the least degree.

#### LEE ANDERSON FRIEND

Lee Anderson Friend, of Nashville, who is chief investigator for the automobile department in the state capitol, has for eighteen years been a well known figure at the state conventions of the democratic party. In fact he has a very wide acquaintance among those of similar political faith in the state and is regarded as one of the foremost representatives of democracy in Washington county.

Mr. Friend was born June 21, 1884, in Okawville, Washington county, a son of Henry E. and Margaret E. (Smith) Friend, the latter also a native of Okawville. The father was born in Germany and came to the new world in 1868, settling on a farm in Plum Hill township, Washington county, where he continued to engage in the cultivation of his fields until called to his final rest in August, 1915. He was always a loyal advocate of democratic principles and for nine years he served as township road commissioner. His widow survives and now makes her home in her native town.

Lee A. Friend, who was the fifth in order of birth in a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters, attended the country schools until he reached the age of eighteen years, when he began teaching in Washington county, following the profession for twelve years. He was then elected county superintendent of schools and remained in the office for a term of four years. On his retirement from that position he turned his attention to the real estate business, in which he remained for fourteen years, when he was again called to public office, being appointed chief automobile investigator on the 1st of February, 1933. His duties are discharged promptly, efficiently and systematically and his

entire record reflects credit upon the party to which he has always given his allegiance. His first vote was cast for democratic candidates and he has never seen reason to change his political faith. For the past eighteen years he has always attended the democratic state conventions and for sixteen years was secretary of the county central committee, while for the past two years he has been county chairman. When chosen county superintendent of schools he was elected by a majority of four hundred and thirty-three in a county which usually gives a republican majority of a thousand, and in 1918 he was defeated for the office by only about six hundred votes when the county gave a republican majority of twenty-eight hundred. Again in 1922 he was defeated, this time lacking only one hundred and thirty-five votes when the republican party carried most of the county officers by a majority of eighteen hundred. The large vote which Mr. Friend polled is certainly indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him as well as a recognition of his ability for the office. During the campaign when J. Hamilton Lewis was candidate for the United States senate, Mr. Friend acted as secretary and one of the directors of the campaign. His powers of organization have been most effective in getting out the democratic vote and he is an acknowledged party leader in his section of the state. In 1932 he served as democratic county chairman and developed one of the most perfect democratic organizations in the history of Washington county, which resulted in carrying the county for Henry Horner for governor by a majority of five hundred and fifty-two votes and for Franklin D. Roosevelt for president by a majority of sixteen hundred and twenty. In the judicial race of 1933 he carried the county for Paul Farthing by a majority of more than six hundred and was instrumental in winning majorities of from one hundred and ten to two hundred for the candidates for judges of the third circuit. He attended the democratic national convention in Chicago as an alternate at the time that Franklin D. Roosevelt received his nomination. He is most capable in the matter of getting out the full party strength and bringing about most desired results in winning successes for the party candidates.

On the 15th of January, 1905, Mr. Friend was married to Anna J. Palek, a daughter of William and Marie Palek. Her father, who was a farmer of Washington county, Illinois, is now deceased, while her mother resides in Okawville. Their family numbered four sons and four daughters, of whom Mrs. Friend was the fifth in order of birth. By her marriage she has become the mother of a son and two daughters: Vera Bernice, Ethel Leola and Lee Anderson, Jr. The elder daughter is now the wife of Glenn D. Smead, of Washington county, who is serving as township road commissioner, and they have two children, Morris Dean and Betty Jean.

#### HON. THOMAS MEEHAN

One of the most respected and admired democrats of Scott county, Illinois, is Senator Thomas Meehan, who is now engaged extensively in farming operations and holds the enviable record of outstanding service for his party and constituents in both the house of representatives and the senate of Illinois. He has been a consistent and tireless worker for the party through a period of many years. His career has been typical of the successful American citizen, guided by high ambition and inspired energy, and actuated by the best ideals and impulses.

Senator Meehan was born in Pike county, Illinois, on August 3, 1861. He acquired his education in the common schools of his home community, and from 1888 until 1920 he was proprietor of the Wabash Railroad dining station in Bluffs, Illinois. Since 1920 he has resided in Bluffs and has managed and operated a farm of four hundred acres in Pike county. The senator was elected in 1898 on the democratic ticket to the Illinois house of representatives. His services in this law-making body were outstanding and so pleased and

satisfied were the people at home that they reelected him in 1900 and yet again in 1902. Then higher honors were accorded him at the polls in 1904, when he was elected to the Illinois state senate and served therein until 1908. So for a full decade Senator Meehan was a familiar figure in the legislative halls in Springfield and there made a record of which he may be justly proud. The strength of the democratic party in Illinois is built on the character and accomplishments of men of his rank, and their work is without question the foundation of democracy's future success in Illinois.

Senator Meehan was married to Miss Lillian O'Brien, who was born April 9, 1865, in Brown county, Illinois. Their son, Thomas Bernard Meehan, who was appointed postmaster of Bluffs, November 22, 1933, is following closely in his father's footsteps in his strong allegiance to the democratic party.

Senator Meehan is a devout communicant of the Roman Catholic Church, and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The senator has a pleasing and forceful personality, and has proved his ability for leadership. His record is secure in the keeping of history.

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#### LOUIS FRED WELLMERLING

Louis Fred Wellmerling, mayor of Bloomington, is giving the city a clean, efficient and economical administration. He is an honored native son and lifelong resident of Bloomington, Illinois, born March 15, 1875, his parents being Louis J. and Bertha (Leasch) Wellmerling, natives of Germany. The latter was brought to the United States by her parents at the age of two years. Louis J. Wellmerling crossed the Atlantic to America when a youth of seventeen years. He became a miller and was connected with the Eagle Mills of Bloomington, Illinois, in the capacity of general foreman for many years. On the 8th of August, 1893, he purchased a grocery store in Bloomington which he conducted successfully to the time of his death ten years later, in 1903. Politically he was an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party.

Louis F. Wellmerling acquired his early education in the parochial schools of Bloomington and afterward completed a course of study at Brown's Business College of this city. His first employment was as clerk in a dry-goods store, while subsequently he spent six years in the service of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company. As a young man he began working in the grocery store of his father, and when the latter passed away he assumed the management of the business, which he thereafter continued in association with his brother until June, 1933. The enterprise had been conducted on the same site in Bloomington for a period of forty years, lacking but two months. Mr. Wellmerling served as president of the Retail Grocers & Butchers Association of Bloomington for four years.

The democratic party has found in Mr. Wellmerling an active and earnest supporter. He was elected to the city council of Bloomington in April, 1929, serving for two years, and in 1932 was an unsuccessful candidate for the office of circuit clerk of McLean county, being defeated by a small margin. He was chosen mayor of Bloomington by the large majority of twenty-four hundred and forty votes in April, 1933, took office on the 5th of May following and has since given the city a most progressive and businesslike administration that fully justifies the confidence and support of his constituents. He is Bloomington's first democratic mayor in many years and is a member of the executive board of the Illinois Municipal League. Mayor Wellmerling also took a leading role in promoting the construction of Bloomington's one hundred and sixty-four acre municipal airport, east of the city on route 9. A fully modern port, with all-weather runways and spacious hangar, the field was dedicated October 28, 1934, with Governor Henry Horner the dedicatory speaker. He flew here, accompanied by Illinois Aeronautical commission members and other state officials in an



Illinois National Guard airplane squadron. A mammoth crowd, conservatively estimated at sixty thousand persons, attended the dedication.

In May, 1903, Mr. Wellmerling was united in marriage to Emma Thoms, of Bloomington, Illinois, and they are the parents of a daughter, Mildred, who is Mrs. Harold Raymond, of Bloomington. The religious faith of Mr. Wellmerling is indicated by his membership in Trinity Lutheran Church, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful part, now serving as a member of the finance committee. He is president and a charter member of the church choir, which has been in existence since 1889, and is also president of the local branch of the Aid Association for Lutherans. For sixteen years he served as a director of the school board of the Lutheran school. He is highly esteemed among his fellow members of the Bloomington Club and the Kiwanis Club and he finds pleasurable recreation in fishing and in travel.

### WILLIAM A. McCARTY

William A. McCarty, who for twelve years has rendered capable service in the office of county judge of Crawford county and is a well known and honored resident of Robinson, was born in this county, July 27, 1892, a son of George D. and Laura (Haskin) McCarty, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. The son attended the grade and high schools of Robinson and pursued a preparatory course in the University of Illinois before entering the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington for the study of law, there winning his LL. B. degree in 1917. He at once began practice in Robinson with his brother under the firm style of McCarty & McCarty but later was employed by the internal revenue department, covering Illinois in this connection until 1920. He then returned to Robinson, where he was once more active in law practice until 1922, when he was elected county judge. On the bench he has made a most creditable and commendable record, as is shown in the fact that he has been re-elected at each succeeding election since that time, so that his incumbency in the office covers a period of twelve years. Since the 1st of February, 1922, he has also engaged in the private practice of law in association with Congressman William W. Arnold. He has been elected to office as a representative of the democratic party and is widely known to its leaders throughout the state, having attended all the congressional, judicial and state conventions. He takes active part in the campaigns, going on the stump for the entire ticket, delivering many political addresses throughout Crawford county.

In 1917 Judge McCarty was married to Miss Elsie Allen, of Bloomington, Illinois, and they have two children, Maxine and Margaret. The Judge belongs to the Phi Gamma Delta, a social college fraternity, to the Jeffersonian Club, to the Loyal Order of Moose and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is likewise identified with the Rotary Club and along strictly professional lines his connection is with the Crawford County and Illinois State Bar Associations.

### HENRY MANSFIELD

The name of Mansfield has been associated with the history of Peoria since 1839 and the first representative of the family to arrive in Illinois was L. Mansfield, grandfather of him whose name introduces this record and the father of Henry Mansfield (I), who arrived in Peoria in 1839 and here established a retail drug store. He was first located on Water street and afterward removed to 204 Main street. Not only was he a successful business man but was also a leading democrat and at one time was a candidate for the office of mayor of the city. He married Isabelle Sarboss, a daughter of Thomas Sarboss, who left Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to become a resident of New Orleans, Louisiana, and who married Louise Pintard, a daughter of John Pintard, who was one of the early sachems





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of Tammany Hall. To Henry and Isabelle (Sarboss) Mansfield there were born eight children.

Their son, Henry Mansfield (II), born in Peoria, in March, 1864, acquired his early education in the grammar and high schools of his native city and afterward was graduated from the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Virginia. He next attended the University of Virginia for two years and in 1888 he located in Peoria for the purpose of practicing here. Subsequently, however, he went to Nebraska, where he remained for five years and then again established his home in Peoria, Illinois, where he entered into a law partnership with W. V. Taft. He is an able member of the bar and possesses a good law library, with the contents of which he is largely familiar. He is seldom, if ever, at fault in the application of a legal principle to the points in litigation and his practice is now large and of representative character. He never deviates from high professional standards and his close conformity to legal ethics has gained for him the high respect of colleagues and contemporaries.

Mr. Mansfield was married to Miss Clara Funk, of Lincoln, Nebraska, and they became parents of three children: Henry Mansfield (III), Mrs. Margaret Allen and Elias B., all of whom attended the University of Nebraska. For his second wife Mr. Mansfield chose Miss Elizabeth J. Brunig and they have two children, John and Brasher.

Mr. Mansfield has taken an active interest in democratic politics and has always been a strict party man. He was selected to serve as city attorney in 1901, filling the office until 1903, and was corporation counsel of Peoria for five years. He has also served as special attorney for the city. He has membership in the Peoria, Illinois State and American Bar Associations, and he likewise belongs to the Episcopal Church.

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#### LUCIEN ANDREW FILE

Lucien Andrew File, superintendent of the department of multigraphing, with offices in Springfield, but maintaining his residence in Chester, was born in Greenville, Bond county, Illinois, May 13, 1908. His great-grandparents in the paternal line crossed the Atlantic to the United States from Germany and became residents of Illinois. His maternal grandfather, Henry Potts, was born in Illinois, as were John A. and Alice (Potts) File, parents of Lucien A. File. The mother was a native of Carlyle, Clinton county, and from an early period in the development of this state both the paternal and maternal ancestors of Lucien A. File have resided in this commonwealth.

In the graded schools of Pittsfield, Illinois, Lucien A. File pursued his education save for his last year's period of study, which was passed in Chester, Illinois, the family removing to this city, in which the father purchased what was then the Chester Herald. Later he purchased the Tribune and consolidated the two papers under the name of the Chester Herald-Tribune, which he still owns and publishes. His son Lucien, following his graduation from the Chester high school, became an associate editor of the paper. For two years he pursued a pre-medical course in Shurtleff College at Alton, Illinois, with the intention of becoming a physician, and while a student there he became editor of the Shurtleff pioneer, a college paper. He was also on the Shurtleff debating team and in this connection debated throughout the middle west. Two years of medical study convinced him that he would not care for the active practice of the profession and that he preferred newspaper work. In 1927 he was elected a member of Sigma Zeta, the honorary science fraternity in that school. The same year he entered the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri at Columbia, where he pursued his studies for a year and a half and then left the institution, feeling that further work there would be but a waste of time and money, as he had already had practical experience on his father's paper and would gain nothing more from the last six months instruction in college. About 1928, when engaging in a football game, he suffered an injury that for the better part of a year kept

him in St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis. After leaving the hospital, and during his first year in Chester, he attended night classes in the St. Louis College of Law and Finance with the thought of gaining a better knowledge of display advertising. He drove from Chester to St. Louis each week, a distance of sixty-five miles, and in twelve months had completed his course there. His active connection with the paper at Chester resulted in benefit to the journal as well as to himself. He became editor of the Herald-Tribune and soon afterward purchased the only democratic paper in the county in connection with A. A. Brands, a son of Dr. Brands of Prairie du Rocher. Thereafter he published both the papers. The Herald-Tribune is the largest weekly paper in southeastern Illinois. When L. A. File assumed editorial management, his parents went to California, where they remained for six months, leaving him in sole charge of the paper, and he continued his active connection therewith until he accepted his present appointment. He was the youngest editor in the state and as such was listed in the Who's Who of the newspaper world. It is worthy of mention that when he became editor of the Herald-Tribune, the Shurtleff College Phi Kappa Delta an honorary debating fraternity, sought him out and made him a member, even though he had been away from that educational institution for a number of years.

Mr. File has always taken a deep interest in community welfare and upon his return to Chester was appointed deputy coroner. He was also secretary of the Chester Chamber of Commerce and continued to fill both of these positions until his appointment as superintendent of the department of multigraphing, accepting the position because he wished to learn more about politics and not particularly because he desired public office or its remuneration.

In June, 1929, was celebrated the marriage of L. A. File and Miss Jeannette Toney, a daughter of Dr. Lee Egbert and Jeannette (Holmes) Toney, of Westplains, Missouri. The former was a captain in the Medical Corps with a Missouri regiment in the World war and he lives in Westplains, Missouri, where in his practice he specializes in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Mrs. File was a student nurse in St. Luke's Hospital of St. Louis and was married two weeks before the time when she would have graduated. Mr. and Mrs. File now have two children, John Lee and Lucien Toney, and the family home is maintained in Chester. Mr. File belongs to the Kappa Sigma fraternity of the University of Missouri, the Sigma Zeta, an honorary science fraternity, and the Pi Kappa Delta. He likewise has membership in Chester Lodge, No. 72, A. F. & A. M. For one year he was president of the Southern Illinois Editorial Association and he is now serving on its executive committee. The religious faith of both Mr. and Mrs. File is that of the Episcopal Church. While at Shurtleff he lived with and acted as private secretary to Dr. Robert Hall Atchison, who is one of the outstanding ministers of the middle west. At one time he was a member of the Alton Aeronautics Club. Such in brief is the life record of Mr. File, but it gives but an imperfect picture of the qualities which have always been numbered among his strong characteristics and which have enabled him to press steadily forward, so that his life has continuously broadened in its interests and activities. While a student in the University of Missouri at Columbia he met the expenses of his course by acting as proof reader on the Columbia Missourian, a college owned daily paper, and at the time he was pursuing his studies there he was also sent to Jefferson City, Missouri, to cover the session of the legislature as reporter. He found this so interesting that he resolved to become an active factor in political circles and this he did long before he was old enough to vote. On one occasion he was offered the appointment of deputy coroner, but as he was not yet of age he could not accept the position. The appointment, however, was held open for him until he had attained his majority, at which time he accepted. He has never been a candidate for an elective office and says that he never intends to be, yet he was urged to accept the nomination for coroner. His political activity results from his ready and thorough recognition of the duties and obligations as well as the opportunities of citizenship, and he is constantly delving into those problems which he deems an essential



factor in promoting good government. He was very active in the campaign of 1932, especially in behalf of the state nominees, and he organized the Young People's Democratic League of Randolph County and traveled over the county as a speaker, interviewing newspaper editors and addressing public gatherings on behalf of Henry Horner, the nominee for governor. No one ever questions the integrity of his position, for he is continually and conscientiously seeking the greatest good for the greatest number.

### SAMUEL ISAAC GRESHAM

Samuel Isaac Gresham, president of Brown's Business College, located in the State Register building in Springfield, is a contributing factor to that educational training which is deemed so essential in preparation for a business life. Holding to high ideals, he has done everything in his power to make the college in all ways adequate in meeting modern business conditions and its pupils have thus been equipped to fill important positions in the commercial world. Mr. Gresham was born in Independence, Missouri, July 8, 1880, a son of Larkin W. and Sarah E. (Smith) Gresham, who were natives of Kentucky and Indiana, respectively. The latter was a daughter of Noah Smith, who was also born in the Hoosier state. The first representative of the Gresham family to come to America from England was (1) John Gresham, who settled in Maryland about 1640; he had a son (2) named John Gresham, who died in 1712; the second John had a son (3) named John, who died in 1723; the third John had a son (4) named John, born in 1704, who married a Hueson of Maryland and they had a son (5) named Thomas, who married Dorcas Lane. The seventh child of Thomas and Dorcas (Lane) Gresham was named (6) Thomas, born about 1791 in Washington county, Tennessee. He served in the War of 1812. He married Rhoda Crouch, moved to Overton county, Tennessee, and was elected the first representative in the legislature from Fentress county in 1842. About 1847 he moved to Jacksonville, Texas, where he died in 1873. He had a son (7) Ellis Crouch Gresham, who was born in 1813, near Jonesboro, Tennessee, and moved to Cumberland county, Kentucky. Ellis' first wife was Hila Story, and they had two sons, Samuel and Larkin Webster, both born in Cumberland county, Kentucky. Larkin Webster Gresham, the father of Samuel Isaac Gresham, served as a Union soldier in the Civil War. He was always a democrat in politics and at one time served as constable at Independence, Missouri, filling the office at the time the James boys were the noted desperadoes of Missouri. Both he and his wife have passed away. Their family numbered eight sons, all of whom are yet living, and the youngest was born on the day that Grover Cleveland was married and was named for him.

Samuel I. Gresham was a pupil in the public schools of Parkville, Missouri, and also attended a private normal school at Chillicothe. Following his graduation from the normal school, in which he pursued a teachers' course, he entered the Chillicothe Business College of Missouri and is numbered among its alumni of the class of 1906. He has devoted his life to the profession of teaching, making continuous progress in that field. He first taught in the Kansas Commercial College in northern Kansas for a period of two years and then became a member of the faculty of Ford's Business College at Little Rock, Arkansas, with which he was also connected for two years. He spent a similar period as teacher in the Creston Business College at Creston, Iowa, and also at the Metropolitan Business College of Chicago. On terminating that relationship he became identified with Brown's Business College at Danville, Illinois, where he continued for two years, and then became associated with Brown's Business College of Springfield, with which he has now been identified for fourteen years. This school was first organized as Bryant and Stratton's Business College and later was called the Springfield Business College, at which

time it was owned and conducted by Professor H. B. Henkel. The first Brown's Business College was organized at Jacksonville, Illinois, by G. W. Brown in 1863, and during the next half century Mr. Brown organized thirty more schools, one being operated in nearly every city of any size in Illinois except Chicago and Quincy. The Springfield Business College was taken into the chain in 1913, following the death of Mr. Henkel.

Mr. Gresham became principal of the Brown school in 1920, part owner in 1925 and sole owner in 1929, since which time he has been president of the institution. During the fourteen years in which he has been head of the school, more than five thousand young people have enrolled for business training. He has always held to the highest standards in maintaining the school and is accorded a place of high rank among the commercial educators of the state.

On the 29th of December, 1909, Mr. Gresham was married to Miss Mary Katherine Ashby, a daughter of Thaddeus Constantine Sobieski and Catherine (Moore) Ashby. Mr. and Mrs. Gresham have two children, Marian Virginia and Joseph Webster, both at home. The former is a graduate of Park College of Parkville, Missouri, and of Brown's Business College, while the latter is a high school pupil.

Mr. Gresham has always been a democrat and is ever keenly interested in political questions which are vital to the welfare of community, state and nation. He has twice been a candidate for the office of county supervisor since coming to Springfield and in 1934 received the nomination of his party for the state senate. He belongs to the Rotary Club and is a member of its civic commission. He and his wife attend the Methodist Church and he has taught the men's Bible class in Laurel Church for the past twelve years. He is now associate scout commissioner of the Abraham Lincoln Boy Scouts and he manifests a keen and helpful interest in every plan or movement which tends to inculcate higher standards of manhood and citizenship among the youth of today.

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### WALTER ROY DONOHOO

In his section of Pike county, Illinois, Walter Roy Donohoo, prominent mercantile grain and coal dealer of Pearl, is generally considered the leader in democratic affairs. He is at present chairman of the Pike county democratic central committee, and for many years has held other important political and civic positions, as may be noted in a later paragraph.

Mr. Donohoo was born in Pike county, February 20, 1881, and is a son of George M. and Olive (Willard) Donohoo. George M. Donohoo is also a native of Pike county, his birth having occurred May 18, 1857, and he is a farmer by occupation and one of the most loyal democrats of his section. His wife was born near Times, Pike county, September 20, 1860. The Donohoos constitute a representative family of this county, and its members have always participated public-spiritedly in local affairs.

In his youth Walter Roy Donohoo attended classes at the Green Pond school in Montezuma township, Pike county. When he had reached the age of nineteen years, he came to Pearl, and in this community conducted a restaurant for about one year. He then embarked in the general merchandising business, and since has been engaged in this work, specializing in grain and coal. He has built up a most substantial trade, and is known as a fair and reputable dealer.

Democratic politics and political activities have been matters of absorbing interest to Mr. Donohoo since he became of voting age. In 1910 he was elected precinct committeeman, and was re-elected to this office every two years until he was appointed postmaster of Pearl in 1916, in which latter office he was the incumbent for five years. However, in 1922, he was again elected precinct committeeman and has served ever since, having been re-elected regularly every two years, the last time in 1934, in which year he was likewise chosen by the committee



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as chairman of the Pike county democratic central committee. His consistent success in politics is indicative of his ability and the confidence which the people entertain for him. He has been alderman of Pearl for one term, and also mayor one term. He has attended a number of judicial, congressional and state conventions as a delegate, and has always been a figure in these political assemblies. He voted the six thousand three hundred and forty-seven Pike county votes that helped nominate Scott W. Lucas as candidate for Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry T. Rainey at a convention held in the Carrollton court house in Green county.

On December 21, 1903, Mr. Donohoo took as his bride Miss Anna Pettit, a daughter of James and Kate Pettit, and to them have been born five children. The oldest is Bona, who was born July 8, 1908, and is now the wife of John B. Sutter, a resident of Pearl. The youngest is Walter Roy, Jr., whose birth occurred July 9, 1928. The other three died in infancy. Mr. Donohoo is well known in Masonic circles. He is a charter member of the Masonic lodge in Pearl, Illinois; is a member of the Chapter and Commandery at Pittsfield, Illinois, and a member of the Consistory and Ansar Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Springfield, Illinois.

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#### HON. MAX F. ALLABEN

Since 1910, Hon. Max F. Allaben has been actively connected with the Illinois bar, practicing for a number of years before his election as circuit judge of the sixteenth circuit in June, 1933. Since 1927 he has made his home in Glen Ellyn, but was born in Polo, Ogle county, Illinois, his natal day being February 22, 1885. He is the only child born to James W. and Vernon (Baker) Allaben. The mother was born in Mount Morris, Illinois, October 23, 1849, and died December 3, 1934. The father's birth occurred in Delaware county, New York, June 12, 1849, but the family removed to the west and he was educated in the public schools of Polo, Illinois. In young manhood he taught school and took up the study of law under the direction of Colonel M. D. Swift, being admitted to the bar in 1878. He then engaged in active practice until his death, which occurred in Polo, January 28, 1901. In politics he was always a staunch democrat and took a very active part in the campaigns. He served as city attorney of Polo, was a delegate to one or two of the state conventions, attended the national convention in Chicago in 1896 and was a candidate for judge of the circuit court of the fifteenth judicial circuit in 1898. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was a man of prominence and influence in his community.

His son, Max F. Allaben, was graduated from the high school of Polo in 1903 and afterward attended Amherst College of Massachusetts, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1907. He next attended the Northwestern University Law School and won his LL. B. degree in 1910, in which year he was also admitted to the bar. He engaged in practice in Aurora, Illinois, for a very short time but soon removed to Du Page county, where he continued until called to the bench, enjoying a practice that steadily grew in volume and importance. He had volunteered for military service after the United States entered the World war and he was sent to the last officers' training camp. On the 5th of June, 1933, he was elected circuit judge of the sixteenth circuit and took his place upon the bench. In June, 1934, he was appointed a justice of the appellate bench of the third district.

On the 29th of April, 1914, Judge Allaben was united in marriage to Miss Flora Solfisburg, of Aurora, Illinois, and they are the parents of two daughters: Maxine Elisabeth, born June 18, 1915; and Charlotte Jane, born November 4, 1924. The family home has been maintained in Glen Ellyn since 1927 and they occupy an enviable social position there. Judge Allaben is a member of the Congregational Church and he belongs to the academic fraternity Phi Kappa Psi and the legal fraternity Phi Delta Phi. He is also a member of the Lions Club,

Glen Ellyn Post No. 3 of the American Legion and the Forty et Eight. His entire career has been one of steady progress and achievement and his advancement and public honors have come to him as merited recognition of his worth.

### GLEN PETEFISH

Glen Petefish, whose name is on the membership rolls of the general assembly as representative from the thirtieth district and who makes his home in Virginia, Cass county, was born August 2, 1886, on a farm near the city. His father, Jacob H. Petefish, was also born on a farm near Virginia, his natal day being May 22, 1862. For many years he carried on general farming, devoting practically his entire active life to the work of the fields, but is now living retired in Virginia. The democratic party has always found in him a stalwart supporter. He married Miss Mary E. Shank, who was born in Kane, Greene county, Illinois, April 4, 1864.

Their son, Glen Petefish, having attended the public schools of Virginia precinct, Cass county, became a pupil in the high school of Virginia. His interest in democratic affairs has been actively manifested from his youthful days and his work for the party has become increasingly more and more important and far-reaching. In 1908 he was appointed deputy circuit clerk and filled that office for six years. In 1914 he received the appointment as postmaster of Virginia and continued to act in that capacity until 1920, when he was made assistant cashier of the Centennial National Bank of Virginia and so served until 1924. It was in the latter year that he was elected county clerk to fill out an unexpired term. He had previously served for a year by appointment of the county board and he was re-elected in 1926 for a four-year term. Still higher political honors awaited him, however, for in 1932 he was elected to represent the thirtieth district in the state legislature and is again the democratic nominee in 1934. He has been secretary of the Cass county democratic central committee for the past twelve years and his powers of organization are manifest in the efficient way in which the democratic forces are marshaled, so that the entire party strength is given for the support of the ticket.

On the 9th of June, 1916, Mr. Petefish was united in marriage to Miss Leonora C. Carls and their children are George and Glen, Jr. Fraternally Mr. Petefish is an Odd Fellow and a Mason, loyally adhering to the teachings of the societies. He has many friends among his brethern of these organizations and is widely and favorably known as a democratic leader of Cass county and as a conscientious and capable member of the Illinois general assembly. Questions of vital worth are to him matters of real importance and his support of any measure results from a firm belief in its value to the commonwealth at large.

### J. J. JOBST

J. J. Jobst, who has been termed "a real old democratic war horse who has stood by the party in and out of season" and who has given of his time and means to advance its interests in the old lean days when democratic victories were few and far between, comes of a family that has always voted for democratic principles—a family, too, that has been well known in Peoria from pioneer times. Mr. Jobst was born in this city December 23, 1863, a son of Valentine and Susanna (Schneider) Jobst, the former a native of Fulda, Hesse, Germany, while the latter was born in the city of Coblenz, Germany. Her father was Bernhardt Schneider, who settled with his family in Peoria in 1865. Valentine Jobst, the father of J. J. Jobst, became a well known and successful contractor and builder of Peoria, erecting many of the earlier business blocks that marked the transition of Peoria from a village to a city of metropolitan proportions. He also built many of the early churches and schools and residences here and was closely associated with the work of general development and improvement. He lived to see remarkable changes as the years passed by and

remained a valued and worthy resident of the city until 1917, when he passed away, his wife surviving him until 1920. To their marriage were born eleven children, eight of whom are living, as follows: Carl; J. J., of this review; Julia, who is the wife of Robert Strehlow; Mrs. Christina Zimmerman; Valentine, Jr.; Mattie, who is the wife of J. H. Franke; Sanehen, the wife of Gustave Guenther; and Albert. Another son, George H. Jobst, who is deceased, was a member of his father's contracting firm.

J. J. Jobst was educated in the schools of Peoria and after putting aside his textbooks joined his father, under whom he became thoroughly acquainted with the business of building and contracting, gaining much valuable and practical experience in that connection. Later he established a business on his own account as a builder and general contractor and executed many important contracts in major land reclamation and in other similar projects. He likewise did considerable building construction and was always recognized for the thoroughness of his work and his faithfulness to the terms of a contract. He has been connected with the division of highways of the department of public works of Illinois as an official since the 1st of June, 1933.

Mr. Jobst was united in marriage to Miss Anna Reichart, daughter of John and Sophia (Singel) Reichart, who were natives of Germany and pioneer settlers of Springfield, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Jobst are the parents of three children, as follows: Richard V., a salesman; Carl J., who is also a salesman; and Margaret, the wife of Harry Banfield, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Jobst is a Mason of high rank, having taken all of the degrees of the York Rite, while in the consistory he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He likewise belongs to the Mystic Shrine and at all times he is loyal to the teachings and purposes of the craft. No one has ever questioned his democracy and as an earnest party worker he has accomplished much for the organization. For fourteen years he served as a member of the city council of Peoria and gave thoughtful and earnest consideration to all questions affecting municipal welfare. For ten years he served on the board of supervisors and for one term as a member of the park board. In 1932 he was chairman of the executive committee that managed the campaign of Horner in Peoria. His long retention in office indicates his fidelity to the organization and his worth as a citizen, for continued public support at the ballot box is indicative of the faith of the people.

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#### CLEMENT J. LUMPKIN

A well known newspaper editor of central Illinois is Clement J. Lumpkin, who owns and publishes the Macoupin County Enquirer in Carlinville. A native of Macoupin county, he was born in Bird township, August 24, 1864, a son of James W. and Elzina (Bates) Lumpkin, both of whom were natives of Illinois, although their ancestors came from Virginia. The father was a farmer by occupation and from 1886 until 1903 was associated with his son in the newspaper and job printing business in Carlinville, where they published both a daily and weekly edition of the Enquirer.

Clement J. Lumpkin attended the public schools of his home neighborhood and afterward matriculated in Blackburn College as a member of the class of 1885, winning his Bachelor of Science degree at his graduation. The following year he took active charge of the paper owned and published by himself and his father. This paper is known for its stalwart support of democratic principles and its editorials set forth clearly and forcefully the issues before the public. Mr. Lumpkin is well known in journalistic circles and belongs to the Macoupin County Editors Association, the Southern Illinois Editors Association and the Illinois State Press Association. Under his guidance the business of the paper has been largely built up in Macoupin county. He still issues both a weekly and daily edition and the paper has a large circulation.



Mr. Lumpkin is a trustee of Blackburn College and he is a member of both of the school boards of his city and has been president of both for fifteen years, acting as president of the high school board for over ten years. He has been appointed each year by the mayor of the city regardless of political connection, and the cause of education finds no more stalwart friend than Mr. Lumpkin, who utilizes the most practical methods in working toward high ideals. For years he has been a commissioner of the Hartwell drainage and levee district of Greene county. He belongs to the Jefferson Club, is an active party member and gives stalwart support to the party organization.

On the 27th of June, 1899, Mr. Lumpkin was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Pegram, of Carrollton, Illinois, a daughter of Alvin Pegram. She is a graduate of Northwestern University of Evanston, Illinois, and was the first president of the Macoupin County Democratic Women's Organization.

Mr. Lumpkin belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M.; Macoupin Chapter, No. 187, R. A. M.; Elwood Commandery, K. T.; and Ansar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He likewise has membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and to the Rotary Club, in which he is serving on the executive committee. His interest in community welfare is expressed in many tangible ways and his efforts for the public good have been far-reaching and resultant. He takes keen interest in golf and holds membership in the Hillside Country Club and the Macoupin Club. His entire life has been passed in Macoupin county, where the great majority of his fellow townsmen claim him as a friend and acknowledge his worth as a citizen.

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#### ALFRED D. RIESS

Alfred D. Riess, who has the distinction of serving as circuit judge of the third judicial circuit, which has the largest population in the state except the districts that comprise Cook county, makes his home in Red Bud. He was born in Waterloo, Monroe county, Illinois, September 20, 1874, a son of George L. Riess, whose birth occurred in St. Clair county, this state, in 1838 and who was the second child of Rev. John J. Riess, a native of Germany who graduated at the University of Basle in 1835 and became the founder of numerous churches of the Evangelical faith in the new world. George L. Riess became a member of the bar and for many years practiced successfully, becoming recognized as one of the leading lawyers of his section of the state. He served as state's attorney of Monroe county and also as county judge of Randolph county and at one time he filled the office of county school superintendent in Randolph county. He married Sarah Gayle Turk, who was born in Belleville, St. Clair county, Illinois, in 1839, the only daughter of Eliza and John Turk, the latter a representative of an old Pennsylvania family. She had five paternal ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary war and her maternal grandfather, John Harris, was a soldier of the War of 1812. Her father removed westward and built the first steam operated mill in Belleville, St. Clair county, Illinois. Mrs. Riess attended McKendree College and became a teacher, following her profession at Columbia and Waterloo in Illinois.

The public schools of Red Bud accorded Alfred D. Riess his early educational opportunities and he prepared for the bar as a student in the University of Michigan, receiving his LL. B. degree at Ann Arbor in 1895. Returning to his native state, he followed his profession in Randolph and neighboring counties, early winning an enviable position as a leading lawyer of this part of Illinois. He was elected to the state legislature, in which he served from 1901 until 1903. Again he was called to office when in 1912 he was made state's attorney of Randolph county, a position which he efficiently filled until 1920. He then resumed the general practice of law, in which he continued until June, 1933, when he was elected circuit judge of the third circuit. His judicial activities are extensive and





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onerous, owing to the fact that the circuit comprises the industrial, mining and agricultural area lying opposite St. Louis, Missouri, with a population of over four hundred thousand. His decisions are strictly fair and impartial. The trend of his mind is distinctly judicial and he readily recognizes the relation of a legal principle to the point in litigation. Although firm in court discipline and in administering justice, there is nothing austere nor forbidding in Judge Riess. On the contrary, he is kindly, recognizing human tendencies and always actuated by a desire to help rather than to punish, when the ends of justice can be best served in that way. Those who know him, and his friends are legion, always find him ready to extend a helping hand.

In 1906 was celebrated the marriage of Judge Riess and Miss Matilda Boedeker, a daughter of C. H. Boedeker, who since 1875 has been a well known lumber dealer of Red Bud and whose father was one of the pioneer farmers of Monroe county, Illinois. Judge and Mrs. Riess had but one child, a daughter, Pearl Marion, now deceased.

The Judge belongs to the Red Bud Chamber of Commerce and in the line of his profession his connection is with the Illinois State and American Bar Associations. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party and for many years has been a public speaker and active worker in its ranks, laboring untiringly and effectively for its successes. He attended as delegate many state conventions and also the democratic national convention held in San Francisco in 1920.

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#### HON. HAROLD T. GARVEY

Hon. Harold T. Garvey, judge of the county court of Hancock county and a resident of Carthage, has proven his loyalty in citizenship both as a World war soldier and as a public official. He was born in Elvaston, Hancock county, Illinois, August 8, 1900. The Garvey family is of Irish lineage, the paternal grandparents of the Judge being John and Margaret (O'Neil) Garvey, both natives of Ireland. The former came to America in the early '50s, settling first in Maryland, whence he removed to Fulton county, Illinois. Later he established his home in Hancock county and about 1860 removed to Blandinsville, McDonough county, where he spent the remainder of his life. Thomas Garvey, the father of Judge Garvey, was born in Blandinsville, McDonough county, May 3, 1863, and passed away January 10, 1933. He was in the employ of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad Company for more than forty years, occupying the position of track foreman at Elvaston for thirty-eight years. He became the organizer and served to the time of his death as general chairman of the Brotherhood of Maintenance Employees of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad Company. His unfaltering support was always given to the democratic party from the time that he was old enough to vote. In 1908 he became precinct committeeman and he served on the democratic county central committee from 1908 until 1920 and during the last eight years of that period was chairman of the committee. In 1924 he was again elected to the democratic county central committee and served as chairman from that date until 1926, continuing as a member of the committee until 1928. From time to time he attended the state conventions of the party and in all ways he did everything in his power to advance the political principles in which he so staunchly believed. His efforts during the last fifteen years of his life largely concentrated upon his work in the Railway Brotherhood. He was, however, most loyal to any cause which he espoused. For many years he was one of the efficient trustees of the LaGrange College at La Grange, Missouri. He was active in Masonry, faithfully adhering to the teachings and tenets of the craft, and he was a charter member of the Elvaston Baptist Church, in the work of which he took a most helpful part, serving as a member of its board of deacons, while for several terms he filled the office of moderator of the Salem Baptist Association. His widow, who bore the maiden name of

Della Pennington and was born in Industry, McDonough county, Illinois, September 2, 1867, is still living in Elvaston, this state. She is a daughter of James N. and Nancy E. (Comer) Pennington, both natives of McDonough county. Mr. Pennington was a lifelong democrat and came of a family that always staunchly supported that party. To Thomas and Della (Pennington) Garvey were born four children: Pearl, who married Arthur F. Wormley and resides in Oswego, Kendall county, Illinois; John E., who is ticket agent for the Wabash Railroad Company in Springfield; Crystal, the wife of Earl R. Grauf, of Elvaston, Illinois; and Harold T.

The last named pursued his elementary education in the public schools of Elvaston and subsequently entered Carthage College, from which he was graduated in 1918. He then matriculated in the College of Arts, Literature and Science of the University of Chicago, which conferred upon him the Ph. B. degree in 1923. He continued there to study law and received his J. D. degree in 1926. Judge Garvey located for practice in Nauvoo, Illinois, in 1928, remaining there for a year, and in January, 1929, he came to Carthage, where he has since remained. His practice grew steadily in volume and importance and in 1930 he was called upon for judicial service, being elected judge of the county court. He has since occupied the bench and in the intervening period has made an excellent record for fairness, impartiality and the breadth of his judicial wisdom.

There is another chapter in the life record of Judge Garvey that is indicative of his loyalty to his country. On the 19th of October, 1918, he proffered his services to the government, joining the United States Army, with which he remained until discharged on the 20th of December following. He belongs to the American Legion and his interest in current events of a comprehensive nature is indicated in his connection with the National Research Forum. His college fraternity is the Gamma Eta Gamma.

On the 17th of September, 1932, Judge Garvey was married to Miss Marjorie E. Julian, the daughter of W. J. and Ary (Wilkin) Julian, of Charles City, Iowa. This in brief is the outline of Judge Garvey's career, but there are incidents which show the trend of his development and of the forces underlying his nature. In his boyhood he learned telegraphy at Elvaston and while attending the University of Chicago he worked for six years in the relay telegraph office of the New York Central Railroad Company in the LaSalle Street depot in Chicago. The determination that carried him forward is manifest in all that he does and he never stops short of the fulfillment of his purposes. He attends the Methodist Church, of which his wife is a member, and fraternally he is known as an Odd Fellow and a Mason, belonging to Elvaston Lodge, No. 715, A. F. & A. M., and also the Royal Arch chapter and the Knight Templar commandery at Carthage.

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#### WILL F. COSTIGAN

Will F. Costigan who has been successfully engaged in the general practice of law in Bloomington during the past twenty-three years, has filled the office of Assistant Attorney General of the state of Illinois since his appointment thereto in March, 1933, and was also secretary of the NRA Compliance Board of Bloomington and Normal, during the existence of that organization. He was born in Bloomington, McLean county, Illinois, September 16, 1886, his parents being Will F. and Mary G. (Ward) Costigan, likewise natives of this state. The father, a former railroad man and merchant, is now active in the real estate business in Bloomington and is also an earnest worker in the local ranks of the democratic party.

Will F. Costigan acquired his early education in parochial schools and continued his studies at the Bloomington high school. His professional training was received in the College of Law of Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloom-



ington, from which he was graduated with an LL. B. degree in 1911, being admitted to the bar the same year. He has remained an active representative of the legal profession in Bloomington throughout the intervening period of twenty-three years, practicing alone until January 15, 1917, when he formed a partnership with Fred W. Wollrab which has been maintained continuously to the present time. The firm now also includes Walter A. Yoder and Beulah E. Irvin. Mr. Costigan is a member of the McLean County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the International Association of Insurance Counsel. He has long enjoyed an enviable reputation among his professional colleagues and contemporaries. He was a member of the faculty of the College of Law of Illinois Wesleyan University for eight years. He was the democratic candidate for city attorney in 1912 and for state's attorney in 1916. In March, 1933, he was appointed Assistant Attorney General to Otto Kerner the Attorney General of the State of Illinois. His firm has also been active as closing attorneys for the Home Owners' Loan Corporation.

In 1913 Mr. Costigan was united in marriage to Madalon E. Carroll and they are the parents of four children: Carroll, Suzanne, Will F. (III) and Sally. The family are members of Holy Trinity Church of Bloomington. Mr. Costigan is an honorary member of Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity, is a member of The Bloomington County Club, Lakeside Country Club and the following organizations: Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Loyal Order of Red Men, Modern Woodmen of America, Young Men's Christian Association and Bloomington Association of Commerce. He has always lived in Bloomington and is numbered among the leading attorneys and influential residents of the city.

#### CLARK R. MISSIMORE

Clark R. Missimore, county judge of Montgomery county through appointment of Governor Horner and a resident of Hillsboro, was born February 5, 1894, in Hillsboro township, about six miles southwest of the county seat, in which he now makes his home. He is a son of Charles Henry and Anna (McLean) Missimore, who were also natives of Montgomery county, where the father took up farming, which he continued to follow until his death in 1912. His widow survives and is now making her home with a member of her family in Wheaton, Illinois.

The youthful days of Clark R. Missimore were devoted to the acquirement of his education in the rural schools, in the Hillsboro high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1914, and to pursuing a three years' literary course in the University of Michigan. His studies, however, were interrupted during his third year there by his enlistment in Company E of the Fifth Illinois Infantry, which command was afterward divided. He then served with the One Hundred and Twenty-second Machine Gun Battalion. He was overseas for fourteen months and participated in the Meuse-Argonne offensive and was on duty in various sectors. In the battle of the Argonne he was slightly gassed and he received his discharge on the 5th of August, 1919.

Following his return home, Judge Missimore re-entered the University of Michigan as a law student and received his LL. B. degree in 1922, after attending summer school in order to complete his course in this time. He was admitted to the bar on the 13th of April of that year and opened a law office in Hillsboro, where he continued in general practice until 1932, when he became a candidate for the office of state's attorney. In that year he was defeated but in January, 1934, he was appointed by Governor Horner to the office of county judge of Montgomery county and is now serving on the bench. His decisions have been fair and impartial and his record reflects credit upon the party which claims him as a member.

Faternally Judge Missimore is identified with the Loyal Order of Moose and the Masonic lodge. He is a past commander of McLean-Chandler Post of the American Legion and he also belongs to the Hillsboro Country Club and

to the Presbyterian Church—affiliations which indicate the nature of his interests and the rules that govern his conduct. He finds his greatest recreation in the supervision of his farms and spends much of his leisure time in directing the cultivation of his land. The outdoor interests thus form an even balance to his professional activities and the Judge is regarded as a man of normal development and force in his physical, mental and moral makeup.

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### CHARLES L. O'BRIEN

Many tangible evidences of the high ideals of citizenship entertained by Charles L. O'Brien can be cited having to do with his administration as mayor of Peoria. He is constantly alert to the opportunities for advancing the city's welfare and progress and has instituted many development measures which have proven far-reaching and beneficial. To this office he was elected in 1933 in a city which is normally republican.

Mr. O'Brien is a native of Peoria, born September 5, 1890, his parents being William and Catherine E. (Farry) O'Brien. The father was born in Boston, Massachusetts, while the mother was a native of Peoria county, Illinois, where her people settled in pioneer times. Her father, Michael Farry, came from County Tipperary, Ireland, to the new world and crossed the continent to Illinois, establishing his home in Peoria county about eighty years ago. He was a farmer by occupation and carefully tilled a large tract of land in this section of the state. Here his daughter Catherine was reared and married, and she became the mother of three children: Charles L., William and Mary.

St. Patrick's parochial school of Peoria was the educational training ground for Charles L. O'Brien, who after putting aside his textbooks learned the plumbing trade and afterward worked as a journeyman plumber for fifteen years. He became estimator and superintendent for a well established plumbing concern of Peoria, with which he remained for a number of years, and then business activities were put aside because of his selection for office.

Mr. O'Brien's first elective political position was that of member of the school board. He was also chosen to represent the sixth ward in the city council and while a member thereof for eight years gave thoughtful and earnest consideration to all the vital problems having to do with municipal progress. In 1933 he was made the nominee of the democratic party for the office of mayor and the election that followed placed him at the head of the city government. He has carried to fulfillment many of the pledges which were made for civic betterment. The improvement of police facilities has been notable, for during his administration a new dual radio police system has been installed, this being the only one of its kind west of New Jersey. The result has been a marked reduction in burglary, while larceny has been curtailed seventy-five per cent as a consequence of the quick apprehension of guilty parties. Auto theft has also been greatly reduced, falling off eighty per cent. A civic project instituted and developed by Mayor O'Brien is the \$900,000 sewer system installed under the Public Works Administration. Mr. O'Brien is constantly studying the needs of the city and has done much in the way of curtailing expenses and at the same time introducing modern improvements of great worth to the municipality.

His family consists of wife and four children. The former was in her maidenhood Miss Edna Gogele, a daughter of George and Margaret Gogele. The children are: Eileen, now a student in Fontbonne College, St. Louis, Missouri; and Richard, Dorothy and Charles, at home. Mr. O'Brien is a member of the Knights of Columbus and is now grand commander of Alhambra Council. He is likewise identified with the Fraternal Order of Eagles and with other social organizations. He has a wide circle of warm friends in the city where his entire life has been passed and where the recognition of his ability has brought him to a point of executive leadership, in which position he is fully justifying the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen.



CHARLES L. O'BRIEN





## HON. WALTER W. L. MEYER

In the practice of law and in public office, few men have, within comparatively few years, achieved the brilliant record such as that of the Hon. Walter W. L. Meyer, who is associate judge of the probate court of Cook county, Illinois, and formerly held the positions as assistant state's attorney, master in chancery, and Cook county assessor. He has demonstrated remarkable fitness for positions of public trust and has exhibited most commendable methods in the discharge of his official duties.

Judge Meyer is a native of the city of Chicago, his birth having occurred here June 23, 1892. He is a son of John J. and Maria (Gariess) Meyer. He first studied in the Lutheran parochial schools, in the city public schools, and graduated with high honors from the Armour Scientific Academy in 1908. Later, he attended the University of Illinois, then finished his legal studies at Northwestern University, which institution conferred upon him the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1915.

Judge Meyer, immediately after being admitted to the state bar, received an appointment as assistant state's attorney under Maelay Hoyne, and in this position he remained during 1915-18. He went into law partnership with Otto C. Rentner under the firm name of Rentner & Meyer, but during this period the greater part of his work was that of master in chancery, to which place he was elected by the circuit court judges first in 1922, and re-elected thereafter in 1924, 1926 and 1928. Further honors were given him at the polls on November 4, 1930, when he was elected as assessor of Cook county, which office he retained until elected associate judge of the Cook county probate court. Judge Meyer has fully justified the confidence of the citizens of Chicago and Cook county and unquestionably faces a most successful future in public affairs. He is a member of the Chicago and the Illinois State bar associations, and he is a member of the law faculties of Loyola University and Northwestern University.

On June 27, 1917, Judge Meyer was married to Miss Louise Wilkin of Chicago, and to them there has been born a son, John Joachim Christian Meyer.

In many associations and organizations of civic nature, Judge Meyer has been particularly prominent. He holds, for instance, an honorary life membership in the Illinois Police Association; he was appointed by President Coolidge as captain of the Military Intelligence Reserves; he is an honorary life member and ex-president of the Forest Park Kiwanis Club, and in fact has been much identified with the Kiwanis in the vicinity of Chicago. He was vice dictator of the Greater Chicago Lodge No. 3 of the Loyal Order of Moose; a life member of the Illinois Good Roads Association; and deputy commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America. He is an honorary member of the Chicago Motor Club; member of the Delta Theta Phi Alumni Association; the German Club; and was vice president of the Steuben Club of Chicago. He was named as an executive committeeman of the German group of the Chicago World's Fair Centennial in 1933. He was vice president of the Piquette Heights Country Club. Judge Meyer is a democrat in his political views, but has never asserted his political affiliation in unethical manner. He understands human nature, and feels rightly that he is the servant of the people irrespective of political faith, creed or nationality.

## JOHN W. FRIBLEY

John W. Fribley, an attorney of Pana, was born at Assumption, Illinois, August 3, 1906, a son of Wesley D. and Clara (Storey) Fribley, the latter a daughter of George and Nancy (Green) Storey. Wesley D. Fribley is a prominent livestock farmer of Pana, Illinois, and has become widely known by reason of his ability and success in this connection.

John W. Fribley obtained his early education in the country schools, after

ward attended the high school at Assumption and for two years was a student in the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington before entering the University of Illinois, in which institution he pursued a four years' course in law, being graduated with the LL. B. degree. In August, 1930, he was admitted to the bar and entered into partnership with Judge J. W. Prems and Carl H. Preihs, the firm style being Preihs, Preihs & Fribley. This relationship was continued until 1933, when Mr. Fribley withdrew from the partnership and is now practicing alone in Pana, with offices in the Fribley building. He has a large clientele which connects him with much important litigation tried in the courts of the district. He handles his cases with precision and care and has won many verdicts favorable to his clients. While always a democrat, he has never been an office seeker. In the 1934 primaries he was nominated for the state senate, receiving a large majority, and was elected November 6, 1934. In addition to his private practice he is acting as counsel for the Illinois Central and for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroads.

Mr. Fribley was married to Miss Marian Little, a daughter of Dr. Joseph and Maude (Richards) Little, the former now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Fribley have one son, Joseph Little, born October 30, 1932. Mr. Fribley belongs to Phi Delta Phi international legal fraternity, and to Tau Kappa Epsilon, national social fraternity. He also has membership in the Masonic lodge at Pana and the Pana Country Club. He is a member of the Christian County Farm Bureau, the Pana Boosters Club and the Christian County Jeffersonian Club, while along strictly professional lines his connection is with the Christian County and Illinois State bar associations.

#### EDWARD CLAY KNOTTS

Among the members of the Illinois bar whose entire record reflects credit and honor upon the history of the profession must be mentioned Edward Clay Knotts, who was admitted to practice in 1889 and continued therein to the time of his death, which occurred on the 11th of March, 1933. He was born in Chatham, Sangamon county, Illinois, March 24, 1863, a son of Albion and Martha (Peddicord) Knotts. The father, who devoted his entire life to farming, was a grandson of Thomas Knotts, who was a member of the first grand jury of Sangamon county, having come to this state from Lee county, Virginia, in the spring of 1819. He took up a section of land in Ball township, Sangamon county, and the tract was owned by different members of the family, remaining in possession of his lineal descendants for one hundred and one years. It is interesting to note that there are over fifteen thousand estates in the county and the Knotts property was No. 8. The first transfer of any part of this estate to any one outside of the immediate family was made to Mr. Brennan.

Edward Clay Knotts acquired his early education in the schools near Chatham and in 1884 was graduated from Knox College at Galesburg, after which he spent some time in the newspaper field, editing papers at Galva, Illinois, and also in Kentucky. Returning to this state, he became principal of a school at Shipman, Illinois, and in 1887, while continuing his educational work, he took up the study of law under Alexander H. Bell. In 1889 he was admitted to practice and opened an office in connection with his former preceptor. During his residence in Girard he served as state's attorney for one term and there engaged in private practice as a partner in the firm of Knotts & Terry. Subsequently he removed to Carlinville, where he practiced independently and step by step advanced in his chosen calling, becoming recognized as one of the foremost lawyers of his section of the state. While in Carlinville he served from 1907 until 1909 as president of the board of education. He was appointed United States district attorney by President Wilson and occupied that office from 1914 until 1922, making a most creditable record. The following year he was joined in practice by his son under the firm style of Knotts & Knotts, an association that was maintained until the father's death. The thoroughness with which he prepared his cases, losing sight of no essential

point, brought to him notable success and gained him deserved eminence in legal ranks.

On the 18th of May, 1893, Mr. Knotts was married to Miss Elizabeth A. Routzahn, a daughter of Daniel C. and Mary Etta (Clayton) Routzahn, of Virden, Illinois. Her grandfather in the paternal line participated in the Civil war as a private of Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Infantry, took part in the battle of Shiloh and went with Sherman on the celebrated march from Atlanta to the sea. He brought back from Vicksburg a copy of the Daily Citizen, dated July 2, 1863, containing a story of Grant's statement that he would dine in Vicksburg on the 4th of July, which he did, and Mr. Routzahn was one of the party, for he was with the forces under command of General Grant. Mr. and Mrs. Knotts became parents of one child, Howard C. Knotts, now a well known attorney, of Springfield. In his political views Mr. Knotts was always a stalwart democrat and his prominence in the party is indicated in the fact that in 1912 he was sent as a delegate to the memorable national convention held in Baltimore. In all matters of citizenship he held to high ideals and supported every plan and project which tended to advance civic welfare.

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#### HOWARD C. KNOTTS

Howard C. Knotts, who since 1921 has been a member of the Springfield bar, was born August 25, 1895, at Girard, Macoupin county, Illinois, the only child of Edward Clay and Elizabeth A. (Routzahn) Knotts, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. With the removal of the family to Carlinville, Howard C. Knotts pursued his education in the public schools of that city and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1912. He then entered Knox College at Galesburg and is numbered among its alumni of the class of 1916. In preparation for the legal profession, for he had determined to make the practice of law his life work, he entered the Harvard Law School, from which he was graduated in 1921. He was admitted to the bar the same year and has since continued in active practice. It was in 1923 that he joined his father in a partnership relation and for a decade the firm of Knotts & Knotts held a high place in legal circles, the association being terminated in the death of the father and senior partner in 1933. Mr. Knotts is accorded a large and distinctively representative clientage and his name is associated with much of the important litigation that has been heard in the courts of his district for more than a decade.

Mr. Knotts was married to Charlotte S. Sterling, a daughter of John A. and Clara May (Irons) Sterling. Her father was for twenty years a member of congress from the seventeenth district of Illinois and served on the famous ways and means committee that furnished the money for the war. He had a brother, Thomas Sterling, who was in congress from Vermilion, South Dakota, for twelve years. Both brothers have passed away, the death of Mrs. Knotts' father occurring in 1918. To Mr. and Mrs. Knotts have been born two children, Howard C., Jr., and Elizabeth Ann. The parents occupy an enviable position in social circles of Springfield, while along professional lines Mr. Knotts has made that steady progress which results only from capability.

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#### THOMAS J. CODY

Among those active and prominent in democratic circles in central Illinois is numbered Thomas J. Cody, who is now postmaster of Peoria. He represents one of the old families of this city, his mother's people having established a home in Peoria in 1850, more than eighty-four years ago. Thomas J. Cody was here born, his parents being Michael and Anna (Whalen) Cody, natives of New York state and of Peoria, Illinois, respectively. Their family numbered four children: Thomas J., Joseph, Theresa and Norma.



Reared in Peoria, Thomas J. Cody attended the parochial and public schools of the city and after completing his education learned the plumber's trade. For thirty years he has followed that line, establishing his own business, in which he has been quite successful. He became a thorough workman and by reason of his knowledge of the trade has been able to direct wisely the efforts of those in his employ, so that he has developed a substantial and successful business.

Mr. Cody's entrance into politics was made as a precinct committeeman and he also served as secretary of the city central committee and as a member of the county central committee. He was elected alderman from the sixth ward of Peoria and made such an excellent record in the office that he was reelected again and again, serving altogether for fourteen years. During this time he accomplished much that was beneficial to the community. He strove earnestly to secure the motorization of the fire department and to secure the adoption of other advanced measures for the city. For three years he was a member of the board of reviews and he was chosen a delegate to the national convention which nominated Franklin D. Roosevelt in Chicago in 1932. In the same year he was appointed by Mayor O'Brien as commissioner of public works and on the 28th of May, 1934, he received appointment to the position of postmaster of Peoria under President Roosevelt. He has worked consistently and earnestly for his party and his labors have been far-reaching and beneficial.

In early manhood Mr. Cody was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hefferon and they are the parents of four children, as follows: Mrs. Irene M. Foley, Lueille, Raymond and Pauline. Mr. Cody belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to the Foresters, to the Creve Coeur Club, to the South Side Business Men's Club and to the Association of Commerece. All of this indicates that his interests are wide and varied and the intelligent direction of his activities has made him a factor in the upbuilding and progress of his city. His worth is attested by all who know him and his record as postmaster is one which reflects credit and honor upon Peoria.

### MRS. CORA WHITLOCK GREEN

Mrs. Cora Whitlock Green, chairman of the Jefferson County Women's Democratic Club, has been a lifelong resident of this county and represents pioneer families of this section of the state. Her parents were Joseph F. and Sarah (Smith) Clark, the latter also a native of Jefferson county, Illinois, her people having come to this state from Kentucky in the early '20s, at which time they settled on land which they converted into fine farms. Mr. Smith was a staunch democrat and a highly esteemed resident of his community to the time of his death in 1858. Joseph F. Clark, father of Mrs. Green, was born in Nashville Tennessee, and became a resident of Jefferson county, Illinois, in 1856. Here he purchased a farm, married and continued the cultivation of his land throughout his remaining days. He, too, was an unfailing adherent of democratic principles, and loyalty in citizenship was one of his strong characteristics. He died in 1904.

When Cora Clark had completed a course of study in the public schools of Jefferson county she entered Hayward College at Fairfield, Illinois, where she was graduated, and later took up the profession of teaching, which she followed for several years or until her marriage to Dr. J. T. Whitlock. A little later they purchased a private hospital in Mount Vernon which they conducted for a number of years, and Mrs. Whitlock had charge of the nurses training. The Doctor was not only a leader in his profession but was also vice president of the Ham National Bank of Mount Vernon and a very prominent figure in civic affairs, being recognized as a man of wide and beneficial influence. He always kept abreast with the latest advances in the medical profession and he belonged to the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. His death occurred in 1918.





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Mrs. Whitlock immediately became active in Red Cross work, in which she continued during the World war. Her life has largely been of a semi-public character, as she has been identified with many movements having to do with civic benefit and welfare. Elected to the school board, she served for twelve years and was efficient in promoting many plans for the benefit of educational interests in Mount Vernon. In 1930 she was elected vice president of the library board, a position which she still fills. Since 1922 she has been active in democratic circles and in 1932 became one of the organizers of the Jefferson County Women's Democratic Club, of which she has since been chairman. During the last campaign she spoke to women in all the neighboring counties to secure their support for the entire democratic ticket, and in 1932 she was a delegate to the democratic state convention in Springfield.

In 1927 Mrs. Whitlock became the wife of George E. Green, who was born in Jefferson county, a son a Barnett Green, one of the pioneer residents of this section of the state. Until his retirement from active business Mr. Green was a prominent merchant of Mount Vernon. He, too, has always been a staunch democrat and has filled the offices of deputy sheriff and city clerk, while under appointment of Governor Dunne he was made extradition officer. He has frequently been a delegate to state, congressional and judicial conventions and his influence has been widely felt in behalf of the party and its candidates. He has also been active in support of many civic projects, while his philanthropic spirit has caused him to give substantial assistance to many charitable movements. Fraternally he is an Elk, has filled all of the offices of the local lodge and for twenty-three years has had charge of the Christmas tree celebration for the children of Mount Vernon, sponsored by the Elks. He likewise has membership in the Knights of Pythias lodge. There is no project for public benefit that does not receive the endorsement and aid of Mr. and Mrs. Green. The latter is a member of the First Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, is president of the Women's Missionary Society and a teacher in the Sunday school. She is likewise a member of the Pythian Sisters and of the Round Table, a reading club of which she has served as president and secretary. In behalf of educational work her labors have been untiring for many years and she strongly endorses and assists all those agencies which make for the cultural, political, intellectual and moral progress of the community.

#### RALPH THOMAS MORRISSEY

Strongly entrenched in the democratic faith and a most effective worker for the party, Ralph Thomas Morrissey, of Aurora, is now serving as chairman of the democratic county central committee in Kane county. Aurora claims him as a native son, his birth having here occurred April 13, 1906. His parents were Thomas W. and Mary (Reynolds) Morrissey, both of whom were born in Rochelle, Illinois. The grandfather, Michael Morrissey, was road master of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, while the grandfather of R. T. Morrissey in the maternal line was a clothing merchant in Rochelle. Thomas W. Morrissey is an engineer on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, being still active in that field of labor. To him and his wife were born two sons, of whom Cyril F. is now factory superintendent of the Albatross Manufacturing Company of Los Angeles, California. He married Ruth Douglas and they have one daughter, Joan Mary.

Ralph T. Morrissey, the other son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Morrissey, attended the public schools of his native city and was graduated from the East Aurora high school in 1924. Later he studied for two years in the University of Wyoming and then took up the study of law in De Paul University of Chicago, Illinois, where he remained for two years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Aurora, where he entered the auditing department of the Western United Gas & Electric Company, with which he remained until June 1, 1933. He

was then appointed to a position in the division of oil inspection, in which capacity he is still serving. He has long been an active democrat and since 1928 has been a member of the county central committee, of which he is now chairman. He formerly served as president of the Black Hawk Club, a somewhat unique social organization made up of republicans and democrats, each having their own president. In 1932 Mr. Morrissey was chairman of the committee of the Southern End of Kane County and he has been chairman of the Young Democratic League. He was one of the organizers of the Illinois Young People's Democratic League, of which he acted as chairman, and he was one of four who succeeded in winning over eleven hundred young people to the support of the democratic party, ranging in age from eighteen to thirty-five years. During 1934 he took a very active part in the primaries and Kane county called forth the largest democratic vote in its history, a fact attributable in no small measure to the organization and the efficient efforts of the county chairman. Mr. Morrissey has also served on the executive board of the Kane county central committee and was a delegate to the state conventions of 1932 and 1934. He was also a member of the convention that nominated Elwyn R. Shaw for the Illinois supreme court and was one of the delegates who nominated Max F. Allaben of Glen Ellyn.

On the 12th of February, 1934, Mr. Morrissey was married to Miss Marjorie Josephine Stone, a daughter of Walter and Marjorie (Goodwin) Stone, residents of Aurora, where the father is in business as a metal polisher. In their family were ten children: Walter Edward; Leon B.; Allen C.; Mildred M.; James G.; George F.; Paul F.; Mary Catherine; Marjorie Josephine, who is the wife of R. T. Morrissey; and Grace R. Mr. and Mrs. Morrissey are communicants of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and the former belongs also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His has been a very active life in which he has succeeded in attaining desired results both in the advancement of his individual fortunes and in the promotion of those political activities in which he is so deeply interested. His work has been far-reaching and resultant and he is today not only one of the outstanding figures in democratic circles of Kane county but is also widely known in this connection throughout Illinois.

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#### W. J. SPAULDING

W. J. Spaulding, one of the well known residents of Batavia, is serving as a member of the state police force. Illinois claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred at Washburn, this state, March 16, 1898, his parents being P. H. and Nancy Spaulding, who are now residents of Cook county. The father votes the democratic ticket and has long been an active worker for the party in his community.

W. J. Spaulding attended the public schools of Pontiac, Illinois, and afterward studied engineering. He was a youth of nineteen years when he entered the army on the 9th of April, 1917, serving until June 6, 1919, as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Infantry, Thirty-third Division. He was made a sergeant, took part in many of the advance movements with his command, was wounded and received a citation and the merit medal. For five years after the war he was in ill health, spending two years of that time in an army hospital. Later Mr. Spaulding became deputy United States marshal and after serving in that capacity removed to Batavia, where he was employed by the Chalmers Manufacturing Company for three years. He was next with the motoreye police of the city of Batavia for four years and thus received excellent training that qualified him for his present duties as a member of the state police, to which position he was appointed in February, 1931. He has always been an active democrat, working for the success of his party at the polls and on all occasions when he has felt that he could advance the interests of democracy.

On the 24th of June, 1921, Mr. Spaulding was united in marriage to Miss



Nellie Marie Beggs and they are the parents of four children, as follows: James Keith, Merle Lorain, Virginia Marie and Carl Joan.

Mr. Spaulding has membership with the American Legion and also with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Infantry Veterans Association and the Thirty-third Division Veterans Association, thus keeping in close touch with his old army comrades and maintaining the pleasant relations which this association brings. He likewise belongs to the Illinois Police Association and is anxious to maintain the standards of service for which the organization stands.

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#### FRANK O. PIFER

Frank O. Pifer, the capable sheriff of Woodford county, has been a lifelong resident of Eureka. He was here born on the 2d of October, 1887, his parents being Edward and Katherine (McTaggart) Pifer, also natives of this state. The father, who conducts a hardware establishment and tin shop, has been an adherent of the democratic party in recent years.

Frank O. Pifer acquired his education in the public schools of his native city and as a boy learned the blacksmith's trade. When a young man of twenty-two years he purchased the blacksmith shop which he conducted successfully for more than two decades prior to his election to the office of county sheriff in 1930. He did an extensive business in horseshoeing, Eureka being one of the important shipping points for horses. For many years he was a member of the Illinois Horseshoers Association.

Politically Mr. Pifer has always been a militant democrat and for several years served as a committee member. He was alderman from the second ward of Eureka for ten years and led the movement which resulted in the paving of the city's streets. For six years he served as a member of the county board of supervisors. When Mr. Pifer was chosen the first time, his vote was denied on account of the student ballot, but his election was upheld by the supreme court of the state. He was elected sheriff of Woodford county in 1930 and is therefore the present incumbent in the office, the duties of which he has discharged in a faithful and fearless manner that has won him deserved commendation and support. At this writing he is a candidate for the office of county treasurer. He has membership in the Kiwanis Club and is numbered among the influential and highly esteemed residents of the city in which he has always lived.

In 1909 Mr. Pifer was united in marriage to Beryl Sensenbaugh, of Washington, Illinois, and they are the parents of a son, Frank, at home. Mrs. Pifer is matron of the county jail at Eureka.

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#### CHARLES HARMON

Among the active and representative business men of Peoria who find time to meet the duties and obligations of citizenship is numbered Charles Harmon, who is a wholesale fish dealer and who is also widely known as a staunch advocate of democratic principles. He has been a lifelong resident of Illinois. Born in Sheldons Grove, Schuyler county, October 9, 1889, he is a son of George W. and Jeanette (Warner) Harmon. His ancestral line can be traced back to colonial days, and the family was represented in the Revolutionary war by those who fought valiantly for American independence. James Harmon, the grandfather of Charles Harmon, was a native of New York state and wedded Mary Burrell, of Coshocton, Ohio. The Harmons were residents of Schuyler county, Illinois, prior to the Civil war. George W. Harmon, son of James and Mary (Burrell) Harmon, was born in that county. He married Jeanette Warner, who was born in York, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Fischel) Warner, who removed with their family to Fulton county, Illinois. Isaac and William Warner, maternal uncles of Charles Harmon, served in the Civil war. Samuel Burrell, great-grandfather of Mr. Harmon, was active

in politics and filled the office of supervisor. Many decades have passed in which both the paternal and maternal ancestors of Mr. Harmon have been closely associated with the development of this state. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Harmon were four children, Charles; Dolly, the wife of Albert Seibold; Bertie, who married Art Zeller; and Nettie, deceased.

Charles Harmon pursued his education in the common schools of Fulton and Tazewell counties and then turned his attention to the occupation of farming, which he followed for some time. Eventually, with his father, he engaged in the wholesale fish business, which he has now carried on for twenty-five years, long enjoying a substantial and profitable trade. Mr. Harmon is a veteran of the World war, having served overseas with the Fifty-sixth Regiment of the Seventh Division. He saw active service in the St. Mihiel and other offensives and he is now a member of the American Legion. He also belongs to the Methodist Church, which indicates the rules that govern his conduct and shape his relations with his fellowmen. Politically a democrat, he has served as tax collector in Richwoods township, Peoria county, and was at one time a candidate for alderman in the tenth ward in Peoria. He has been president of the Tenth Ward Democratic Club and for years has been precinct committeeman, at all times doing everything in his power to advance the interests of the party which has just achieved a most signal victory at the polls in the November, 1934, election.

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#### WILBUR A. TRARES

The legal profession in Madison county finds a prominent representative in Wilbur A. Trares, of Edwardsville, who is filling the office of county judge and who since his admission to the bar in 1917 has been a worthy follower of his calling. He was born in Edwardsville, Illinois, February 23, 1891, and is a son of Henry and Frances (Heddergott) Trares, the latter a native of Madison county, this state. The father is a native of Akron, Ohio, but came to Illinois at the age of fourteen years and for an extended period engaged in merchandising in Edwardsville. He is now living retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. In politics he has always been a staunch democrat.

In the public schools of Edwardsville, Wilbur A. Trares pursued his education and after completing the work of the grades attended the high school. He then completed a course in the Christian Brothers College of St. Louis and in the law school of St. Louis University. During the World war he entered the service and went to Camp Taylor, Kentucky, where he was enrolled in the officers' training camp. Later he was sent to Camp Hancock, Georgia, for machine gun training and was commissioned a second lieutenant, holding that rank when he received his discharge.

Mr. Trares was admitted to the Missouri bar in 1917 and practiced for a time in St. Louis before joining the army. After his military experience he was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1921 and became associated with D. H. Mudge, which connection was maintained until Judge Mudge was elected to the circuit bench. In 1922 Mr. Trares was elected county judge of Madison county. In 1926 he was re-elected, being one of only two democrats elected in the county in that year. The liberal support given him was indicative of his high standing not only as a lawyer and judge but as a man, and further testimonial of the confidence reposed in his judicial power was indicated in his re-election in 1930 with a majority of ten thousand and again in 1934. He has also continued in the private practice of law in Edwardsville and has been accorded a large clientele.

Prior to his election to the bench Mr. Trares served as precinct committeeman of the democratic party and secretary of the democratic county central committee. He has been a delegate to several state conventions and was a presidential elector in 1932, giving his support to Franklin D. Roosevelt.



WILBUR A. TRARES





In February, 1926, Mr. Trares was united in marriage to Deleye Epping, of Edwardsville, and they are the parents of two sons, Robert and John, aged five and two years, respectively. Mr. Trares belongs to the American Legion, in which he is active, and also to the Forty and Eight. He has membership in the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. He has a broad acquaintance and his social qualities as well as his professional ability and his loyalty to the highest standards of citizenship have gained him warm regard and enduring friendships.

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### JOHN CHARLES LEWE

John Charles Lewe, judge of the superior court of Cook county, has been a successful representative of the legal profession in Chicago for more than two decades and is a member of the well known law firm of Bryant, Roberts, Hwass & Lewe, with offices at No. 1 North LaSalle street. He has spent his entire life in the Chicago area, his birth having occurred at Oaklawn, August 3, 1889, his parents being Ludwig and Lina (Kerber) Lewe. He attended the public schools, including the Crane high school of Chicago, and then continued his education at Lewis Institute and under private tutoring. He prepared for a professional career as a student in the Chicago-Kent College of Law, receiving his LL. B. degree at his graduation with the class of 1912. Since that time he has engaged in active practice and has done important work in this field, having been accorded a large and constantly growing clientele. He has figured prominently in important litigation, among his more recent cases being that of Allan versus Strauss. In December, 1930, he was made a master-in-chancery of the circuit court of Cook county, thus serving until his elevation to the superior court bench.

We quote from the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin of June 11, 1934: "Judge John Charles Lewe was inducted into office this morning before one of the largest audiences ever to witness an occasion such as this. The courtroom was crowded to capacity with members of the bar, friends and admirers of Judge Lewe. The bench and bar was almost obscured by the many beautiful floral offerings, which made it impossible for everyone in the room to see the speakers. The ceremony was opened with a short address of welcome by Judge James J. Kelly, head of the law division of the superior court. Judge Lewe was sworn in by County Clerk Robert M. Sweitzer. Chief Justice Philip J. Finnegan of the criminal court of Cook county presided over the proceedings and made a short talk about the fitness and qualifications of Judge Lewe. He said that Judge Lewe has already demonstrated his judicial ability in serving as a master-in-chancery of the circuit court, having been appointed by him on December 1, 1930, a position which Judge Lewe held up to the time of his elevation to the superior court bench. John M. Bryant, a member of the law firm of Bryant, Roberts, Hwass & Lewe and an associate of Judge Lewe for the past twenty years, spoke at length of the new judge's fitness and qualities and congratulated the people of Cook county in their selection of Judge Lewe as judge of the superior court. Judges Grover C. Niemeyer and Walter T. Stanton of the superior court and friends of long standing of the new judge made short addresses of welcome and congratulated Judge Lewe and wished him a long and successful service on the bench. . . A short reply was made by Judge Lewe in which he thanked his many friends and associates for the kind and loyal support given him and said he would do everything within his power to justify their faith in and loyalty to him."

On the 5th of October, 1915, at Wheaton, Illinois, Judge Lewe was united in marriage to Miss Clara Heyer and they are the parents of a daughter and a son: Clara, seventeen years of age; and John Charles, Jr., a lad of twelve. The family home is in Riverside and the parents hold membership in the Riverside Presbyterian Church. Fraternally Judge Lewe is a Mason, with member-

ship in Riverside Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He has attained the thirty-second degree in the consistory and is also connected with Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. In the Independent Order of Odd Fellows he has been an active member through a long period and for many years was on its relief board. He belongs to the Iroquois Club and to the Midland Club of Chicago and is interested in all those forces which make for the development, progress and upbuilding of his community and the commonwealth at large. As a member of the Riverside school board he has done effective work for the cause of education, and he is a member of the forest preserves advisory board of Cook county and of the Lincoln Memorial. He is also vice president of the German American Bank.

Judge Lewe, aside from his interests of a public or semi-public character, is identified with the Metropolitan Building and with the Randolph Hotel Company. He has taken active and helpful part in the warrants and interest problems for school teachers, trying to figure out the most beneficial plan for the unpaid teachers of the Chicago schools. His military record covers service as appeal agent for the local board for the selective draft during the World war. Politically he has been equally active and for ten years has been precinct committeeman and also district leader for a decade. As chairman and as vice chairman of the county town organization he has done effective work, his labors being far-reaching and resultant, and he has seen rapid changes and growth in the democratic organization.

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#### ARTHUR S. SMITH

Arthur S. Smith, chairman of the Illinois Liquor Commission, is successfully engaged in business as head of the Purity Ann Bakery in Bloomington, a wholesale concern which he organized in 1926. He was born in Coal City, Grundy county, Illinois, November 4, 1899, his parents being John E. and Anna (Clark) Smith, the former a native of England, while the latter was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. John E. Smith, a coal miner, was superintendent of mines in the Braidwood district and very active in the cause of organized labor. Politically he was a democrat. His brother, William Smith, was at one time head of the United Mine Workers of America.

Arthur S. Smith acquired his education in the public schools of Hillsboro, Montgomery county, Illinois, and earned his first money by carrying papers in that city. Subsequently he became a clerk in a grocery store of Hillsboro, with which he remained through three changes of ownership. When the enterprise failed for the third time, Mr. Smith became the proprietor of the grocery, his note therefor being signed by a friend, and he conducted the business successfully for seven years, or until 1925, when he sold out. The following year he came to Bloomington and established the Purity Ann Bakery, renting a building and purchasing the necessary machinery, and thirteen months later he erected his present modern plant. He furnishes employment to forty-nine people in the conduct of an extensive wholesale bakery business, which in the third year of its existence had reached more than a quarter of a million dollars and covered all of central Illinois. He is also identified with financial interests as a director of the Liberty State Bank.

On the 12th of July, 1924, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Edna M. Hendricks, of Hillsboro, Illinois, and they are the parents of a son, Ray Mac. Mrs. Smith is an active member of the Bloomington Women's Club and is well known in social circles of the city.

A strong supporter of Henry Horner, Mr. Smith became chairman of the Horner Club and championed the present governor's cause as the lone leader in McClean county. He served as secretary of the Illinois legislative committee which made a study of the liquor situation and found the facts on which the state law was enacted. On the 1st of February, 1934, he was notified of his appointment as chairman of the Illinois Liquor Commission, his associates being Colonel A. A.

Sprague and General Milton Foreman, both of Chicago, and he has established the offices of the Commission in Springfield and Chicago. He has been an influential democratic leader since the November election of 1932 and fathered the campaigns of the present circuit judge and mayor, the first democrats to hold these offices in Bloomington and McLean county. Mr. Smith is chairman of the executive board of the Bloomington Young Men's Club, is a director of the Association of Commerce and is also a popular member of the Bloomington Country Club, the Bloomington Club, the Lakeside Country Club and the Young Men's Club. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and belongs to the blue lodge, chapter, council and commandery and to Mohammed Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Peoria.

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#### WALTER RICHARD O'MALLEY

Walter Richard O'Malley, an attorney who has engaged in active practice in Aurora since his admission to the bar in October, 1930, was born in this city July 4, 1904. His parents, Patrick and Mary (Jennings) O'Malley, were natives of Ireland and each came alone to the new world, settling in Brooklyn, New York, where they were married. After living there for a short time they removed westward to Aurora, Illinois. Of their children the first born died in infancy, the second child, Ella, became the wife of Chester Metzger, of Chicago. Arthur married Lucile Johannesen, of Aurora. Edith and Walter R. are the next in order of birth, and Thomas, the youngest, is still a student.

Walter R. O'Malley passed through successive grades in the public schools of Aurora and afterward attended Campion Academy at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, from which he was graduated with the class of 1925. He then entered the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, where he pursued his law course, being graduated with the Bachelor of Arts and with the Bachelor of Laws degrees in June, 1930. In October of the same year he was admitted to practice at the Illinois bar. For a short time he was employed in the law office of Mr. Sears and later was admitted to a partnership in the firm, which is now Shearer, O'Malley & Sears, with offices in the Old Second National Bank building in Aurora.

Mr. O'Malley married Miss Theresa Daleiden, of Aurora. They are connected with Holy Angels parish of the Roman Catholic Church and Mr. O'Malley belongs to the Knights of Columbus. Along strictly professional lines he has membership in the Kane County Bar Association and politically he has always been a stalwart democrat. He served as a delegate to the state convention in May, 1934, and in the primaries of that year was nominated for the office of county judge of Kane county, for which position his professional ability would well qualify him.

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#### BENARD J. O'NEILL

Benard J. O'Neill, a member of the Madison county bar, practicing at Alton, was born in Carlyle, Clinton county, Illinois, August 12, 1868. His father, Patrick O'Neill, a native of Ireland, was an own cousin of Daniel O'Connell, famous Irish patriot. Patrick O'Neill arrived in the United States in 1849 and settled on a farm in Clinton county, Illinois, being one of twenty Irishmen who established homes in what is now known as Irishtown township, Clinton county. There he followed the occupation of farming and he married Theresa Glynn, also a native of Ireland.

Benard J. O'Neill attended the district schools of Clinton county and the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale, after which he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for two years. He pursued his law studies under the direction of M. P. Murray, of Carlyle, who directed his reading for four years, and in 1897 he successfully passed the bar examination and was admitted to practice. After nine months he came to Alton and here began practice with Judge Hope, a prominent democratic attorney, their asso-



ciation being maintained for twelve years. At the end of that time the partnership was dissolved and Mr. O'Neill thereafter practiced alone until joined by his son Schaefer. They continue in the general practice of law, and almost from the outset of his professional career Benard J. O'Neill has been accorded a liberal clientele. He served as city counselor under Mayor Young and at one time was a candidate for the office of judge of the city court.

In 1902 Mr. O'Neill was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Schaefer, a native of Bond county, Illinois, of German descent. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill are the parents of five children, as follows: Schaefer, whose biography follows this; Margaret, the wife of Ferrell Nicholl, of Alton, Illinois; Mary, who is engaged in teaching at Mitchell, this state; Katherine, a public school teacher of Alton; and Paul, who is a student in the medical department of the University of Chicago.

Mr. O'Neill belongs to St. Mary's Catholic Church of Alton and to the Western Catholic Union and the Holy Name Society. He is likewise a Knight of Columbus and formerly was active in the fraternity, becoming a charter member of Alton Council, of which he is past grand knight. The major part of his time and attention, however, is concentrated upon his professional duties, which are of an important character, and he belongs to the Alton, the Madison County, the Illinois State and the American Bar Associations.

#### SCHAEFER O'NEILL

Schaefer O'Neill, junior partner in the law firm of O'Neill & O'Neill of Alton, has served in the fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth general assemblies of Illinois as representative from the forty-seventh district and in 1934 was re-elected to the legislature for a third term. He was born in Alton, Madison county, Illinois, June 15, 1904, his parents being Bernard J. and Margaret (Schaefer) O'Neill, who are mentioned above. He attended St. Mary's school of Alton and later the Alton high school, from which he was graduated in June, 1922. He next entered St. Mary's College at St. Marys, Kansas, and subsequently was a student in the St. Lou's University Institute of Law, in which he completed his preparation for the bar. He then passed the required bar examinations of Missouri and of Illinois in 1928 and joined his father in active practice in Alton, where he has since continued. He prepares his cases with thoroughness and care and presents his cause before the courts in a clear, concise, logical and forceful manner. In 1929 he was appointed city attorney of Alton by Mayor Butler and served for two years.

Reared in the faith of the democratic party, Mr. O'Neill has always been loyal to its principles and purposes. In November, 1930, he was elected to the state legislature, serving in the fifty-seventh general assembly, and by re-election in 1932 he became a member of the fifty-eighth general assembly. In the previous session he had served on the committees on civil service, education, elections, farm drainage, judiciary and municipalities. In the fifty-eighth assembly he was chairman of the revenue committee and a member of the committees on banks and banking, building and loan, civil service, farm drainage, judicial department and practice, judiciary, motor vehicles and traffic regulations. During that session his chief work was in connection with revenue, for a greater revenue was required and to secure this he had to give much time and study to the matter, his efforts producing the desired results. In 1934 he was again nominated for the legislature. From 1932 until 1934 he was a member of the Madison county central committee and he has attended all of the state conventions of the democratic party as a delegate in the last six years.

In 1926 Mr. O'Neill was united in marriage to Miss Vivian Schmidt, of Alton, Illinois, and they are the parents of three children: Patrick, Terrence and Suzanne.

It is also interesting to note that for eight years Mr. O'Neill contributed a





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column to the Alton Daily Telegraph and is now widely known in political circles for his ability to write speeches. When he was first elected to the house of representatives he had the distinction of being its youngest member. He belongs to the Alton, the Madison County and the Illinois State Bar Associations, and his close conformity to the highest standard of legal ethics reflects credit and honor upon the profession which he has chosen as a life work.

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#### WILLIAM I. TYLER

William I. Tyler, who is filling the office of postmaster at Granville, was born in the vicinity of this town May 26, 1895, his birth occurring at the family home in Granville township, Putnam county, his parents being Charles N. and Minnie (Smith) Tyler. The mother has passed away, but the father is still living in Granville and for years has operated a planing mill and carried on a contracting and building business. He established his home in Granville in 1894. He had begun to learn the building business when but twelve years of age under the direction of his father, who was a well known contractor of that period. Charles N. Tyler is not only a prominent representative of industrial activity in his town but is also very active in village affairs and for twenty years he served as a member of the village board, acting for eight years as mayor of the town, his duties ever being discharged with promptness and fidelity.

William I. Tyler mastered the work of successive grades in the public schools of Granville, continuing his studies in high school, and when his textbooks were put aside he became associated with his father in business and worked his way upward to the position of foreman of the planing mill and lumber-yard. Thus for the second generation of the Tyler family was closely associated with the industrial and business development of the community and William I. Tyler upheld the excellent reputation which the family had always enjoyed.

On the 10th of April, 1918, Mr. Tyler entered the military service of his country, being connected with the army until February 11, 1919, as a member of the Ordnance Corps, ranking 1st class sergeant. He was located at various places, spending the greater part of the time, however, at Camp Hancock, Georgia. After the war he became a charter member of the local post of the American Legion and has been a member ever since with the exception of a two-year period. He also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being connected with Peoria Consistory, and has membership in the Congregational Church.

In politics Mr. Tyler has always been an active democrat, voting for the men and measures of the party since attaining the right of franchise. He was chairman of the county central committee for two years prior to becoming postmaster and this was the first time there was a committeeman from each precinct in Putnam county. For six years he served as mayor of Granville and gave to the town a businesslike and progressive administration but resigned the office to become postmaster, to which position he was appointed April 15, 1933. He is now serving his second term as president of the grade school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He has seen his precinct grow from two democratic votes to one hundred and fifty and he has worked diligently to bring about the result, believing firmly that democratic principles contain the best elements of good government.

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#### GEORGE B. WEISS

Among those democrats of Cook county, Illinois, who have attained real ranking in the party is George B. Weiss, of Chicago, who was for over three years assistant to the probate judge and on November 6, 1934, was elected judge of the municipal court in Chicago. Both as a business man and as a lawyer, Judge Weiss achieved success and honor prior to his service in his present capacity and holds a very firm and high reputation before the public.

Judge Weiss was born in the city of Chicago on August 18, 1894 and is a son of Ignatius and Josephine (Kolar) Weiss. The father, who was born in Austria-Hungary, came to the United States when he was sixteen years old. He first settled on an Iowa farm, then came to Chicago, where he made his home on the west side. He married and started the manufacture of trousers. Illness, however, compelled his removal to Alabama, where he conducted a plantation for about two years. The outdoor life improved his health and later he established himself in the drug business and also in a lumber yard. He was a democrat in political affairs and died in 1933, when he was seventy-two years old. His wife, born in Bohemia, came to America as a young girl and now is a resident of Cicero, Illinois.

George B. Weiss attended the public schools and graduated from Crane Technical high school. He rated third in a class of ninety-three students and won thereby a scholarship at the University of Chicago. Through circumstances he was unable to take advantage of this scholarship, but enrolled in the Chicago-Kent College of Law and from this institution received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1917, in which year he also enlisted in the Naval Officers' Training School at Chicago Pier. During his service he sailed in iron ore boats, and was engaged as an instructor at Pelham Bay, New York. He received his discharge in 1919 and is now a member of the Lawndale Crawford Post of the American Legion.

For about four years after leaving the country's service, Judge Weiss was employed as an assistant manager of the National Cigar Stands Company. He was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1924 and for several years was trust officer for the Twenty-sixth Street State Bank, and for the period of 1929-30 he was an assistant state's attorney. Then, for over three years he was assistant to the judge of the probate court, followed by his election to the municipal bench in 1934. Judge Weiss is a member of the Chicago Bar Association and the Bohemian Lawyers Association.

On June 7, 1919 occurred the marriage of Judge Weiss and Anna M. Karas, who is a native of Chicago. To their union there have been born two children, namely: Jean Ruth and Georgette, aged twelve and eight respectively (1934).

Judge Weiss is a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to the Lawndale Lodge and Chapter, and Columbia Commandery of the Knights Templar. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the German Club. His religious affiliation is with the Central Park Congregational Church.

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#### WILLIAM B. HOGAN

As the democratic party came again into power, it has been most careful to choose men of ability to direct its affairs in every community, and in Carroll county William B. Hogan has been made chairman of the democratic central committee, a work for which he is well qualified by reason of his powers of organizing and calling out strength. He makes his home in Lanark, where he was born September 19, 1890, a son of William and Blanche (Beaver) Hogan. The father, who was born in Rochester, New York, December 15, 1852, became a resident of Lanark, Illinois, in 1888 and engaged in the drug business here for thirty-one years, thus long occupying a prominent position among the leading citizens and business men of the community. In politics he was an active democrat, working untiringly for the party, and was chairman of the Carroll county democratic central committee for more than twenty years and for one term served as a member of the state central committee. He attended practically all of the state conventions of the party and was a delegate to several national democratic conventions. For one term he filled the office of postmaster, serving during President Cleveland's second administration. He was also prominent in Masonic circles, having membership in the lodge, the chapter, the commandery and the Mystic Shrine. He passed away May 1, 1919, having for several years



survived his wife, who was born at Mount Carroll, Illinois, May 20, 1866, and died on the 19th of October, 1911.

William B. Hogan spent his youthful days in his parents' home in Lanark and after completing his education became identified with the drug business, in which he engaged from 1919 until 1933. At the present time he is a traveling salesman for a drug house. Like his father, he has long been active in democratic politics and since 1919 has continuously served as chairman of the Carroll county democratic central committee and has done much to organize the party forces and marshal the party strength. He, too, attends state conventions, and he served as postmaster of Lanark under President Woodrow Wilson. Wherever opportunity offers to advance the interests of democracy, he quickly embraces the chance to further party welfare. A Consistory Mason, he is a most faithful follower of the purposes and principles of the fraternity. His sterling worth is widely recognized and his loyalty to any cause with which he becomes allied is a well known factor in his life record.

### JOHN H. ENGELS

John H. Engels, who resides at Galena, is filling the position of deputy fire marshal, his territory covering ten of the northern counties of the state. He was born in Galena, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, August 12, 1876, a son of Gottlieb and Mary (Brinkers) Engels. He spent his youthful days in the historic old city in which he still lives and attended its parochial schools. Later he became a pupil in the Lawley Business College of Galena and subsequently supplemented his earlier training by a course in the Bryant & Stratton Business College of Chicago. During the greater part of his active business life he has devoted his attention to the dry-goods and grocery trade and to the insurance business and has been accounted one of the enterprising merchants of his city. He has also devoted some time to public office, having been appointed game warden by Governor Dunne, his incumbency in the office covering a period of four years. In August, 1933, he was appointed special assistant fire marshal, his territory including the ten northern counties of the state.

On the 20th of October, 1904, Mr. Engels was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Halloran and they have two sons, Edmund J. and Robert H. The parents attended St. Michael's Catholic Church and Mr. Engels belongs to the Knights of Columbus, to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is interested in all of those activities and projects which make for a well rounded life and symmetrical character development, and his sterling worth is recognized by all with whom he has come in contact.

### NORMAN WOOCK

Norman Woock, a member of the state police, living in Lockport, was here born April 14, 1897, a son of Henry and Mary Woock. The father is still living, but the mother has passed away. Henry Woock has always been a democrat in his political allegiance.

Norman Woock attended the schools of Lockport and after leaving high school became a railway switchman. On the 12th of May, 1917, when twenty years of age, he entered the military service of his country, becoming a corporal in the Thirteenth Cavalry, with which he was on duty until honorably discharged June 30, 1919. When the country no longer needed his military aid he returned to the employ of the railroad and so continued until February 10, 1933, when he became a member of the state police and has since acted in this capacity.

On the 22d of November, 1919, Mr. Woock was united in marriage to Miss Clara Homerding and they have two children, Howard Thomas and Virginia May. The parents attend St. Joseph's German Catholic Church of Lockport. Mr. Woock has always voted with the democratic party and has been one of its active workers since reaching adult age. He has served as precinct committeeman since 1932 and was a delegate to the state convention of the same year.

## MERLE D. YOST

As county superintendent of schools Merle D. Yost is closely associated with educational progress in Jasper county, making his home in Newton. He was born in this county, December 8, 1892, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Stong) Yost. The father, a native of Ohio, came to Jasper county, Illinois, in 1873 and here follows the occupation of farming. He is a staunch advocate of the democratic party, which he has supported since attaining his majority. His wife was born in Richland county, Illinois, her people having come to this state from Ohio in the late '60s.

At the usual age Merle D. Yost began his education in the rural schools and when he had mastered the elementary branches of learning he entered the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College at Charleston. For a year he taught school and then enrolled as a student in the Weidner Institute, a Lutheran school at Mulberry, Indiana, in 1913, there remaining until he enlisted for service in the World war, being stationed at Camp Custer, Michigan. He received his discharge in December, 1918, and following his retirement from military life entered the University of Indiana, where he won a Bachelor of Arts degree. For five years thereafter Mr. Yost taught school at Sainte Marie, Jasper county, and then spent two years as principal of the public schools of Saint Elmo. In 1929 he accepted the position of cashier of the Sainte Marie State Bank, with which he remained until 1931, when he was elected county superintendent of schools of Jasper county and has so continued to the present time. He is constantly alert to the opportunities for improving the schools and he holds to high standards and ideals in all of his professional activities.

In 1917 Mr. Yost was united in marriage to Miss Nina Zerkel, of Richland county, Illinois, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zerkel, who belonged to pioneer families of that locality. They now have three children: Virginia, Samuel E. and Wilma Gene.

Mr. Yost belongs to the Rotary Club and to the Civic Club and is interested in all of the plans and projects of those organizations for the benefit and up-building of his community. He also has membership in the Illinois State Teachers Association and in the Illinois State Superintendents of Schools Association. He has always believed that education is not a matter of acquiring knowledge but rather a matter of preparing for life's duties and responsibilities, and he puts forth the most earnest effort to make the schools under his direction an effective force in developing character and preparing the youth for future activities.

## PERRY HUGHES

Perry Hughes has the distinction of being the oldest living democrat in De Witt county and well remembers the days when the supporters of the party there could be counted on one hand. He has lived to see remarkable changes in this respect as the party platform has made strong appeal to the intelligence of the voters and has thus gained a large following.

Mr. Hughes was born in Turnbridge township, De Witt county, April 22, 1856, and is a son of William and Margaret Hughes. The father, a native of Ohio, came to De Witt county, Illinois, in the autumn of 1851. He was a shoemaker by trade but in this state took up the occupation of farming and spent his last days on the old Hughes homestead in Texas township. A very staunch democrat, he worked for the party, held local township offices and also served as a school director. To him and his wife were born six children: Albert M., who is deceased; Nelson R., who served as county superintendent of schools and who has also passed away; Warren F., deceased; George W., also deceased, who published the Clinton Register, a democratic paper, in association with his brother Perry, who was the fifth of the family; and Mary Eliza, who makes her home with her brother Perry in Clinton.



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Perry Hughes acquired his early education in Texas township, De Witt county, also studied for a time in the schools of Clinton and when his textbooks were put aside turned his attention to the printing business. In 1880 he became connected with the Clinton Register, which he and his brother George purchased in 1884. For twenty years he was associated with this publication and then because of difficulty with his eyes withdrew therefrom, his brother, however, continuing in the business for ten additional years or until his death. The Register was a staunch democratic paper, doing much to further the interests of the party in De Witt county. On the death of George W. Hughes it was sold. Perry Hughes has held various offices, having been postmaster of Clinton during the Cleveland administration from 1893 to 1896. He has been a member of the city council and of the school board and for many years has served as precinct committeeman. He also belongs to the Jefferson Society of De Witt county. In 1934 he was appointed county appraiser of the Home Owners Loan Corporation and as such is in charge of the work of that character in De Witt county.

On the 13th of December, 1888, Mr. Hughes was married to Miss Florence Argo, of Clinton, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Argo. Her father, who was known as "Manny" to his many friends, was in the ice business and was a farmer. He belonged to an active democratic family. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have a daughter, Ruth, who is now Mrs. George Smith, and who resides with her father in Clinton. Mr. Hughes is a member of Plantagenet Lodge, No. 25, Knights of Pythias, of Clinton, and has reached his fiftieth year in the fraternity, to the high purposes of which he has always been loyal, so that he enjoys the full confidence and respect of his fellow members.

#### MRS. KATHERINE CARROLL

Mrs. Katherine Carroll, of Springfield, is a prominent figure in several lines of activity which touch the general interests of society. She is particularly well known through both church and political work and no one ever has reason to question her intense loyalty to democracy. Mrs. Carroll is a native of Springfield, Illinois, born April 4, 1879, her parents being John F. and Mary (Quaid) Bretz. Her father was born in Frankfort, Kentucky, February 21, 1845, and was a son of John Bretz, of Hesse-Cassel, Germany, whose birth there occurred August 26, 1812, and who came to the United States in 1836. He was a brickmaker by trade and followed that line of business in Frankfort, Kentucky, until 1857, when he came to Illinois, settling in Springfield. Here his son, John F. Bretz, attended the second ward school and in 1870 secured a position as inspector of materials for the new state house. In 1870 and 1871 he had charge of the work on the Michigan canal and in 1872 he opened a brick-yard in Christian county, Illinois, in partnership with his father. The business association continued until 1877, when he withdrew from the partnership to become a candidate for the office of street commissioner in Springfield, to which he was elected. In 1882 John F. Bretz, Jr., filled the office of superintendent of streets and again from 1887 until 1890 and laid many of the streets of the city. He was an active and capable member of the board, faithful to every trust and efficient in the discharge of every duty that devolved upon him. In a word he was an active and well spent life and he rendered a valuable service to the capital city. In early manhood he wedded Mary Quaid, a native of Wisconsin, and they became the parents of eight children, namely: John E.; William F.; Laura; Mrs. Eva B. Fixmer; Mrs. Katherine Carroll, of this review; Mary; Gerrard; and Loraine.

The daughter Katherine attended the public and parochial schools of Springfield and afterward pursued a business course, thus becoming well qualified for many of the duties and responsibilities which have since devolved upon her. At the age of twenty-three years she gave her hand in marriage to Richard J. Carroll, a son of John M. and Delia (Ryan) Carroll. Her husband was engaged in the furniture business in Chicago. He gave his political allegiance to the democratic

party and he had a most honorable military record, having served in the Spanish-American war as a sergeant of Company I, First Regiment Illinois Infantry. He was a volunteer for yellow fever duty in the hospital at Siboney, Cuba. He met a tragic end, being killed in an automobile accident on the 10th of June, 1913.

In 1916 Mrs. Carroll returned to Springfield, where she has since remained. She had two children: Mary Katherine, who died in 1919; and John M. (II), who married Cleo Weaver, of Springfield. John M. Carroll (II) makes his home in this city and is now at the head of the Bretz Construction Company. His family numbers two children: John M. (III) and Cleo Patricia.

Mrs. Carroll is a very active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and is president of the Catholic Women's Coterie. Deeply interested in politics, she has been an enthusiastic worker in democratic ranks since Al Smith's campaign and has served for two years as secretary of the Women's Democratic League of Sangamon county. She is also a member of the Junior College Women's Club and the Springfield Women's Club. She possesses that tact so necessary to work harmoniously with others and has become a recognized leader in the various fields into which she has directed her efforts. Moreover, she is well known socially in Springfield, where she has gained many warm friends.

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#### MRS. EVA B. FIXMER

Mrs. Eva B. Fixmer, a well known resident of Springfield, where she has spent her entire life, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bretz, who are mentioned above in connection with the sketch of Mrs. Katherine Carroll. She is a sister of Mrs. Carroll, the two residing together in the old Bretz home. The daughter Eva mastered the branches of learning taught in the public and parochial schools of Springfield, her girlhood days being passed in the usual manner of the city-bred child, being divided between the duties of the school-room and the pleasures of the playground. In 1899 she became the wife of George J. Fixmer, a son of John P. and Maria (Johnson) Fixmer, representatives of an old and active democratic family of Springfield. Two children were born of this marriage: Mary Jane, who is at home; and John Pierre, who was graduated from the University of Illinois with the Bachelor of Arts degree and then studied law for four years at night school while working with the Bretz Construction Company. He is still identified with this business and shares with his cousin, John M. Carroll, in its management and control. He married Mary Lou Condit, of Beardstown, Illinois.

George J. Fixmer passed away in 1920 and since that time Mrs. Fixmer has been living in the old home of her family on North Sixth street, Springfield, with her sister, Mrs. Katherine Carroll. She, too, is very active in the Women's Democratic League of Sangamon county, firmly believing in the principles of the party and doing everything in her power to secure their acceptance by the public. She is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and also belongs to the Catholic Women's Coterie and the Junior College Women's Club.

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#### EDWARD W. HOUSER

Richland County democracy is proud of the presence in its ranks of Edward W. Houser, former sheriff of the county for a number of terms, and now one of the leading farmers of this section of the state.

Mr. Houser was born in Edwards county, Illinois, March 10, 1865, a son of Edwin T. and Carolina J. (Scholtz) Houser. The former was born in North Carolina and before the Civil war came to Richland county, where he followed farming for a livelihood. He was a democrat of the staunchest character and held a number of township offices. He served as precinct committeeman; was a member of the democratic central committee for several years, and was especially active in the Cleveland campaign. His death occurred in the year 1902. His wife,

mother of Edward W., was born in Germany and her people were among the early settlers of Edwards county, Illinois. She died also in 1902, five months after the demise of her husband.

Edward W. Houser attended the grade schools of his native county, then studied in the Salem high school for one year, after which he farmed until 1898, when he was first elected sheriff of Richland county. He held this position most satisfactorily until 1902, and was then an employee of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad until 1910, at which time he was again chosen at the polls to fill the sheriff's position in the county. Since the expiration of his term in 1914, he has been engaged in farming, and is generally considered as one of the most skillful and progressive farmers in the county.

He has championed the democratic cause for many years and has been a source of much strength to his party. For over fifteen years, he served on the Richland county democratic central committee, and was chairman of that body for twelve of these years. He was a delegate to several state conventions, also to a number of congressional and judicial conventions. For two years he was master of chancery and during many campaigns canvassed the county thoroughly for the whole ticket. He was town assessor for one term, town clerk for three terms and for several years served on the local school board. Mr. Houser has always maintained a public-spirited attitude toward Richland county and Olney affairs, and has acquired a host of friends through this cooperative spirit toward his fellowmen.

In 1894 Mr. Houser was united in marriage to Miss Carrie E. Weazel, a daughter of Henry Weazel and member of one of the pioneer families of Richland county. To their union there have been born the following children: Alice, who is the wife of C. H. Leightbert of Miami, Florida; William E., who is a timber estimator in Memphis, Tennessee; Fred M., who is associated with the Pevey Wilson Lumber Company of Savannah, Georgia; Ralph, who is deceased; Syble, who is married to Elmer Cooley of Illinois; Paul A., who is with the Shell Oil Company of Olney, Illinois; and Marie, now deceased.

Fraternally, Mr. Houser is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America.

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### JAMES HENRY ELLIOTT

James Henry Elliott, a lumber merchant, recognized as a most enterprising business man of Danville, was born near Sidell, Vermilion county, Illinois, June 2, 1876, a son of Richard M. J. and Jane (Jackson) Elliott. The father followed farming throughout his entire life and thus supported his family, which numbered seven children: William H.; Harrison G.; Naney Ann, deceased; Erma F.; James H.; Josephus, who has passed away; and Charles C.

James H. Elliott obtained his early education in the schools of Sidell and later attended the Northern Illinois State Teachers College at De Kalb, from which he was graduated in 1895. He afterward took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for eleven years in the county schools and in the high school of Oakwood, devoting five years to instruction in the latter institution. At the end of that time he entered the employ of the Trent Brothers Lumber Company of Danville, with whom he continued for eighteen years as employee, as stockholder and as secretary and treasurer, serving in the official capacity during the last three years. In 1922 he incorporated the Elliott Lumber Company, of which he became the first president and in which capacity he is still serving.

Mr. Elliott comes of an old-line family of democrats, his grandfather and his father before him having staunchly supported the party. He cast his first vote for William Jennings Bryan in the campaign of 1900 and has been an active party worker. He became democratic county chairman in 1918 and so continued until 1928. In 1930 he was re-elected and served until 1932. On the 15th of May, 1933, he was appointed by Governor Horner to the office of



arbitrator. He had served as a member of the board of supervisors from 1910 until 1912, had been the democratic candidate for county auditor and was candidate for congress in 1928. Four years later he served as democratic presidential elector from his district and he has been untiring in his efforts to promote the success of the party and secure victory for its candidates.

On the 22d of March, 1900, Mr. Elliott was united in marriage to Miss Verna O. Villars, daughter of George H. and Martha (Brewer) Villars, of Vermilion, Illinois, her father being a carpenter by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott had one child, who died in infancy. Mr. Elliott is a member of the Masonic Lodge, and has attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Knights of Pythias, and the sterling qualities which he has displayed in connection with these orders have been indicative of his entire life, which has been characterized by faithfulness and by progressiveness in every relation. His standing as a man and as a citizen is indicated in the fact that he was the first democratic county official elected in Vermilion county in thirty-six years.

### LEVI BROWNING ROBINSON

In the year 1930 Levi Browning Robinson, of Benton, was elected to the office of sheriff of Franklin county. He has been a lifelong resident of this county, born here August 3, 1894. His father, Levi Robinson, was a native of Tennessee, born in 1824, but in 1829 he was brought to Illinois, where during the period of his manhood he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, his first farm being deeded direct to him by the federal government. He always gave his political support to the democratic party but was not interested in office holding. He married Lydia L. Browning, who was born on Browning Hill in Franklin county, a daughter of Jonathan Browning, who settled on the hill in 1810, casting in his lot with the pioneer residents of this section of the state. Through the maternal line Mrs. Lydia Robinson was related to President Andrew Johnson.

Levi B. Robinson supplemented his public school training by study in the normal and business departments of Ewing College. Reared to farm life, he early began work in the fields and later engaged in farming on his own account. He has been connected with this business and with the coal mining industry most of his life, but at different periods he has found time and opportunity to serve his fellowmen in public office. He has a creditable record as county supervisor and in 1930 became sheriff of Franklin county, wherein he has done excellent work as custodian of the public safety, his incumbency in the office covering four years, the term ending in November, 1934. He was formerly a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is now a member of the Rotary Club, endorsing the progressive activities which underlie the organization.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Robinson hold membership in the Baptist Church. The latter in her maidenhood was Frances Harriss, a native of Franklin county and a daughter of Jefferson Monroe Harriss. Her paternal grandfather was the Rev. Joe Harriss, a famous preacher of the primitive Baptist Church. Her ancestors were among the first settlers of Perry county, Illinois, where her great-great-grandfather and her great-grandfather now lie buried. In the maternal line Frances Harriss was of Scotch descent, connected with the famous Stewart clan of the land of the hills and heather. She became the wife of Levi B. Robinson on the 6th of June, 1914, and they have a family of three children: Ruth E., Levi Harriss and Frances Elaine.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are deeply interested in high bred stock. Her hobby is O. I. C. hogs, while his is Belgian horses and Hereford cattle. Like her husband, Mrs. Robinson is very active politically and has been county chairman







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and is now vice state chairman of the women's democratic organization. She has also been congressional committeewoman for Franklin county and has been active in organizing women's democratic clubs throughout southern Illinois. She also belongs to various social clubs, and both Mr. and Mrs. Robinson occupy an enviable position among the leading residents of Benton.

### HON. SCOTT WYKE LUCAS

Hon. Scott Wyke Lucas, who succeeded Henry T. Rainey as representative in Congress from the twentieth congressional district of Illinois, has been for many years, an outstanding figure in the democracy of the state, and his nomination and subsequent election to Congress, is a well-deserved tribute to a man who has worked faithfully and earnestly for the success of his party, since attaining his majority.

Scott W. Lucas was born on a farm in Cass county, Illinois, February 19, 1892, a son of William D. and Sarah (Underbrink) Lucas. William D. Lucas was active in the Democratic party throughout his life and, at the time of his death, he was serving as a member of the Mason county Democratic Central Committee, police magistrate for the village of Bath, member of the Board of Education of Bath public schools, and assessor of Bath township.

Scott W. Lucas received his early education in the schools of Mason and Cass counties, and graduated from the Virginia, Illinois high school. He then entered Illinois Wesleyan university at Bloomington, Illinois, graduating in 1914 with the degree of A.B. After graduating, he took up the practice of law in Havana, Illinois, where he still maintains his office. He has won a well-merited success in his profession and has, for many years, been regarded as one of the outstanding lawyers of western Illinois. Mr. Lucas twice filled the office of State's Attorney of Mason county, being elected first in 1920 and, in 1925, was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the incumbent of that office.

At the time the United States entered the World war, Scott W. Lucas enlisted as a private, and was honorably discharged with the commission of Lieutenant. He served continuously in the reserve corps from the close of the war until appointed Judge Advocate General of the Illinois National Guard, in August, 1934, with the rank of Colonel. In 1926, he was chosen commander of the American Legion department of Illinois and, at the Paris convention of the American Legion in 1927, was unanimously selected as National Judge Advocate. Following that convention, he was unanimously selected for four terms, as National Judge Advocate under four different National commanders.

In January, 1924, in Chicago, Illinois, Edith Biggs and Mr. Lucas were united in marriage. They have one child, Scott Wyke Lucas, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas attend the Episcopal church of Havana, and are members of the Havana Riverside club. He belongs to Havana Post No. 138, of the American Legion, and is also a member of the famous Forty and Eight.

From the time he was old enough to vote, Scott W. Lucas has taken a very active interest in public affairs, and the democracy of Illinois has ever found him willing to do anything within his power to further the interests of his party. He has campaigned throughout the state, and he is regarded as one of the most effective speakers in the ranks of the party. In 1932, he was a delegate to the National Convention that nominated Franklin D. Roosevelt for the presidency, and he has served as delegate to many county, congressional and state conventions. In January, 1933, he was appointed chairman of the Illinois State Tax Commission by Governor Henry Horner, and he served in that capacity until taking his seat in Congress, to which he had been elected November 6, 1934. When Henry T. Rainey, Speaker of the National House of Representatives, died, on the 19th of August, 1934, it was necessary for the Democrats of the twentieth congressional district, to nominate a man to take his place on the ticket and, from the very first, it was evident that Scott W. Lucas would be the nominee.

His victory over his Republican opponent, was a noteworthy one and, while Mr. Lucas is taking the place of one of the greatest Democrats that Illinois has ever produced, it is the feeling of his friends and admirers that he will fill that place with credit to himself and his constituents.

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### MAJOR JOHN D. WHITE

With a notable military record in the service of his country and with a similar record in the vast campaign of economic recovery which has been the serious task of the American people for the last few years, Major John D. White, of Springfield, is rated as one of the outstanding democrats of the state.

Major White is a native of Bloomington, Illinois, where his birth occurred December 24, 1887, and he is a son of Adam S. and Laura Ellen (Roland) White. His father, who was born in Virginia, held the office of mayor and other public positions in LeRoy, Illinois, and was one of the foremost citizens of that community.

Until he was fourteen years of age, Major White attended the public schools of Bloomington. He then enlisted in the United States Army and served one enlistment, having been discharged with the rank of sergeant. After returning to civilian life he resumed his studies at Wesleyan University. For a number of years he resided in Urbana, Illinois, and was postmaster of the state university, also an assistant in military tactics. He organized Troop B, of the First Illinois Cavalry and was commissioned captain of this unit. In 1916 he took his company to the Mexican border, when Villa threatened trouble between the countries, and in 1917 the company was mustered into the federal service as a part of the famous Thirty-third division. Major White went through the war with this noted Illinois division, participated in the major engagements overseas, and was cited for bravery in action. He was promoted to major of the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Field Artillery, and after the war he was sent to Coblenz in charge of the Superior Provost Court, where he held the hearings of the civilian population until 1923. Major White was retired from service in 1929 with the rank of captain in the regular army. He is now a member of the Springfield post of the American Legion, and is much interested in military affairs of all kinds.

Major White has been an earnest and patriotic worker among those democratic party leaders who have endeavored to rescue the nation from the financial and economic swamp into which it had fallen, and it is to the efforts of such loyal men that success is now assured. He was appointed administrator of the C. W. A. for Sangamon county and under his guidance over a million dollars were spent in relief and employment. The major's greatest inspiration in life is to engage in the affairs of his native land, and his reward is the fine satisfaction of having accomplished real success in so doing.

On the 1st of November, 1934, Major White was united in marriage to Rose Farrell Manny in Springfield.

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### HENRY FRANCIS DeVANEY

Henry Francis DeVaney, chief clerk of the Illinois State Fair and a lifelong resident of Springfield, was born August 4, 1903. His father, Michael J. DeVaney, was a native of Ireland and came to the United States in 1884, settling in Springfield, Illinois. He was a coal miner and he always gave his political support to the democratic party. He wedded Mary A. Dougherty, also a native of the Emerald isle, and they still make their home in the capital city. They have a family of three children: Michael A., Henry Francis and James P.

At the usual age Henry Francis DeVaney entered the public schools, passing through consecutive grades to the high school, from which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1922. He started out in the business world as a traveling salesman and afterward became proprietor of the Capitol Beverage Company,



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continuing active in that business until he was appointed chief clerk of the Illinois State Fair, in which capacity he is now serving.

Mr. DeVaney belongs to St. Joseph's Catholic Church and is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Something of the nature of his recreation is shown in the fact that he belongs to the State Capital Bowling League, of which he is now president. In politics he has always been a stalwart democrat since casting his first presidential vote and he belongs to the Jeffersonian Club of Springfield and to the Young Democrats Club. He attended the state convention in 1932 as a delegate and has been a delegate to a number of county and district conventions. He was a member of the county finance committee from 1931 to 1933 inclusive, was on the nominating committee in 1930, 1931 and 1932 and served as chairman of the resolutions committee of Sangamon county. His activities have ever been of a practical character, intelligently directed, and his efforts have brought about valuable results for the party. He is now widely known as one of the leading young democrats of Springfield and his work is valued by prominent party leaders.

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### CARSON M. PURDUNN

Carson M. Purdunn, state's attorney of Clark county, who is engaged in the active practice of law in Marshall, was born in this county on the 17th of October, 1904, a son of Charles A. Purdunn. At the usual age he entered the public schools and in due course of time became a high school pupil in Marshall. When his more specifically literary course was completed he took up the study of law and was graduated from the Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1928, the degree of LL. B. being conferred upon him. The same year he was admitted to the bar and opened an office in Marshall, where he at once began practice. Although advancement in the law is proverbially slow, he has made substantial progress and has given proof of his ability to cope with the intricate and involved problems that arise in connection with the work of the courts. In 1932 he was elected on the democratic ticket to the position of state's attorney for a four years' term and is therefore the present incumbent in the office. His activity as a democratic supporter began about the time he attained his majority and he has never faltered as a champion of its principles. He has attended various congressional and judicial conventions and was active in the organization of the Clark County Young Men's Democratic Club.

In October, 1933, Mr. Purdunn was united in marriage to Miss Beatrice Stephanson, a daughter of Charles A. and Annie (Jenkins) Stephanson. She is a representative of one of the old democratic families of Bloomington, Illinois. Her father served on the board of education for twenty years and he is connected with the commercial interests of the city as a member of a wholesale grocery company.

Mr. Purdunn holds membership in the Congregational Church and he is identified with the Alpha Delta Phi, a social fraternity, with the Phi Delta Phi, a legal fraternity, and with the Clark County and Illinois State Bar Associations. He enjoys the trust and good will of his professional colleagues and contemporaries by reason of his close conformity to the strictest ethics of legal practice.

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### BROCKEY CHILDERS

Brockey Childers, special assistant fire marshal of the state department of insurance, is a resident of Herrin, Illinois, where he was born October 30, 1901. He belongs to one of the old and well known pioneer families of Williamson county, where his grandfather, George Childers, settled at a very early day. He became one of the first county constables and held the office for a period of sixteen years. His son, G. M. Childers, was born in Williamson county in 1875 and has been a farmer and miner throughout an active, busy and useful life.

He has never faltered in his allegiance to the democratic party and he served as democratic election judge in 1912 because he was one of the few who were qualified to act in that capacity, with no question as to their sure democratic affiliation. He married Laura Phillips, who was born in Perry county, Missouri, a daughter of Joseph Phillips, a lifelong farmer and democrat. Her brothers and sisters are also active supporters of the same party.

Broecky Childers supplemented his public school training, received at Herrin, by a course in typing and in mining pursued at the night sessions of the high school. He also took a course in electrical engineering through correspondence with L. L. Cook of Chicago and thus qualified for later important service in the business world. For a time he was in the employ of A. J. Wills and was with the Coca-Cola Bottling Company at Herrin from 1915 until 1921, with the exception of one year spent at the Sunnyside mine. From the latter date until 1930 he filled various positions in connection with mines and railroads, and from 1930 until 1933 he was local manager for the Acme Laundry of Murphysboro. He is now special assistant fire marshal with the state department of insurance, to which office he was called by reason of his democratic connections and his capability. In 1933 he was chosen chairman of the local Roosevelt-Horner Club and directed the activities of the organization in behalf of the state and national ticket.

In 1919 Mr. Childers was married to Thelma Emmert, a native of Kentucky and a daughter of George Emmert, who, like many substantial residents of this community, has given his attention to mining. Her people were formerly republicans but have now become adherents of democratic principles and vote the party ticket. Mrs. Childers is much interested in her home and garden and in the care of her son, Robert Broecky, who is thirteen years of age. Both Mr. and Mrs. Childers are members of the Baptist Church and she is a teacher in the Sunday school. Mr. Childers finds hunting and fishing a source of recreation but gets keener delight out of solving the problems and promoting the successes of the democratic party.

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#### CHESTER F. BARNETT

Chester F. Barnett, an attorney of Peoria who has rendered a diversified public service to the city, in which he is now filling the office of corporation counsel, has ever been imbued with high ideals of citizenship that well entitle him to his present high position in public regard. A native of Illinois, he was born August 4, 1878, in Barnett township, De Witt county, this township having been named in honor of Benjamin Franklin Barnett, his grandfather, who was one of the pioneers of the state. The family is of Scotch-Irish extraction and was established in Virginia at an early period in the history of the new world. Members of the family served in the Revolutionary war and Alexander Barnett, a colonial Virginia ancestor, married a Miss Long, and together they rode horseback over the mountains to the vicinity of what is now Paris, Kentucky. Others of the family also lived in Kentucky through several generations. Alexander Barnett left a will providing that his heirs should sell all their property and invest the funds in a free state, as he was opposed to slavery, and thus members of the family became residents of Illinois. Robert Barnett, the great-grandfather of Chester F. Barnett, also came to Illinois, as did Benjamin Franklin Barnett, the grandfather, removing to this state from Bourbon county, Kentucky. Alexander Barnett, the great-great-great-grandfather, served with the American forces during the Revolutionary war, having been on duty in both Virginia and South Carolina. He was a physician and became one of the early representatives of the profession in Bourbon county. His grandson, Benjamin Franklin Barnett, married Miss Sarah Ann Miller and he became well-known as an enterprising business man, especially in connection with stock raising in the early days. Robert Barnett, great-grandfather of Chester F.

Barnett, served in the Illinois legislature as representative from De Witt county before the Civil war, and his brother, Lyman T. Barnett, was at one time sheriff of De Witt county. The latter is still living at the advanced age of ninety-four years and, like the others of the family, has always given stalwart allegiance to the democratic party. In tracing the line of descent to Chester F. Barnett it is learned that his father, John W. Barnett, was born on the old family homestead in De Witt county and was one of two children, the other being James. Having arrived at man's estate, John W. Barnett was married to Miss Mary Ellen Cheek, who was a daughter of William and Mary (Smith) Cheek, of De Witt county, and was of Pennsylvania-Dutch lineage. To this marriage were born four children: their names being Chester Franklin, Alice May, Lena Grace and Mamie.

In his native county Chester F. Barnett pursued his elementary studies in the rural schools and afterward attended high school, while later he entered upon preparation for the bar as a student in the Illinois College of Law of Chicago, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Laws degree at the time of his graduation in 1905. The same year he was admitted to practice in this state and opened an office in Peoria, where he became a member of the firm of Barnett & Wilson, his partner being Hugh E. Wilson. He early won recognition as an able lawyer who prepared his cases with great thoroughness and care and presented his evidence in clear and forcible manner, while in the application of a legal principle he was seldom if ever at fault. Accordingly, his practice constantly grew in volume and importance and in 1911 he was elected police magistrate, serving in that capacity until 1915, in which year he was the successful nominee for the office of county judge. He was on the bench for three years, rendering decisions which were strictly fair and impartial. In 1933, he was selected for the office of corporation counsel, having been appointed to the position by Mayor Charles L. O'Brien. He has thus been closely connected with legal service in Peoria and his record is such as has won for him wide endorsement of the public. He has also continued in the private practice of the law for many years and his name is associated with many important cases tried in the courts of the district. He has never entered into a partnership save during the early days of his professional career and it has been ability alone that has carried him to his present enviable position.

On May 23, 1900, Mr. Barnett was married to Miss Bessie Whicher, a daughter of Maurice and Addie (Simmons) Whicher, of Jamestown, New York, who on moving westward to Illinois settled in Mt. Vernon. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett have two sons, F. Newell and Robert V. The former, who for two years studied in Bradley Polytechnic Institute of Peoria and who was graduated from the University of Illinois with the LL. B. degree and is now associated with his father in the practice of law, married Florence Rohlf's. The younger son is now in the oil business in Peoria.

Mr. Barnett is a member of Phi Alpha Delta, a legal fraternity. He also belongs to the Creve Couer Club and his high standing in and valuable service to Masonry is indicated by the fact that the thirty-third degree has been conferred upon him. Along strictly professional lines he is connected with the Peoria County Bar Association, of which he is president, with the Illinois State Bar Association, and with the American Bar Association.

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#### JAMES McCUNE, SR.

A notable record is that of James McCune, Sr., who for forty years has been justice of the peace at Kingston Mines. He was born in this town November 18, 1866, a son of Patrick and Mary (Stoney) McCune, both of whom were natives of County Mayo, Ireland. The father came to the United States and located at Kingston Mines, Peoria county, prior to the Civil war, and here he and his wife reared their family of three children.

James McCune, Sr., attended the schools of Kingston Mines and has always



made his home here. For a number of years he was engaged in the retail liquor business and his place was the scene of many democratic gatherings. He became a staunch supporter of the party on attaining his majority and he has worked diligently for its success. For many years he has served as a member of the county central committee and has also been a delegate to party conventions. He has likewise been a member of the school board for both the grade and high schools. He has real reason to be proud of the fact that he has been justice of the peace for forty years, for few can boast of such a record. It indicates that his decisions have always been fair and impartial and that he has been governed by a high sense of honor in the discharge of his duties.

In early manhood Mr. McCune was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Devine, of Pekin, Illinois, a daughter of David and Bridget Devine. Mr. and Mrs. McCune are the parents of seven children, as follows: Sarah, who is the wife of Carl Gallon and the mother of three children, James, Eileen and Margie; James, who served in France in the World war and was wounded in action; David, who was also on military duty in France; Mayme, who is the wife of Charles Hancock and has three children, Lois, James and Charles; Nellie, who married Clarence Boyer and has two sons, Dave and Jack; Catherine, who is married to Otis Kingsley and is the postmaster at Kingston Mines; and Loretta. Carl Gallon and Clarence Boyer, two of the sons-in-law of Mr. McCune, also served in France at the time of the World war, the latter sustaining a wound in action.

#### JEROME MUNIE

Jerome Munie has the distinction of being the first democrat elected to the office of sheriff of St. Clair county in thirty-two years. He makes his home in Belleville, where he has an extensive acquaintance and where his birth occurred on the 29th of August, 1893. His parents, George J. and Lena (Dammrich) Munie, are also natives of Belleville, where the family has been represented through four generations. George J. Munie owns land near the city and gives his attention to the cultivation of his fields. In politics he is a democrat, always voting the straight ticket.

The parochial schools of Belleville accorded Jerome Munie his educational opportunities. He started out in life to provide for his own support as a farm worker on his father's land and in 1916 he turned his attention to coal mining, which he followed for a year. In 1917 he accepted a clerkship in a local hardware store, where he continued until June, 1918, when he entered the United States Army, going to Camp Taylor with the Eighty-fourth Division. In August of that year he was sent overseas to France and was detailed for duty there as a member of the military police. In May, 1919, he returned home as a corporal. He has maintained pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in O'Fallon Post of the American Legion, of which he was the first adjutant and also was post commander. In 1927 he was elected commander of the twenty-second district and became a member of the state executive board. He was on the Legion reception committee when noted French officers visited in Illinois and has always been keenly interested in the welfare of his fellow comrades in arms.

With his return to civilian life Mr. Munie resumed his place in the hardware store. In May, 1920, he purchased a general store at O'Fallon and continued to conduct that business until he was elected sheriff of St. Clair county in 1930, being the first representative of his party to be chosen for that position in almost a third of a century. He has likewise been a member of the board of aldermen of O'Fallon for several years and in 1920 he was elected a member of the democratic county central committee, in which capacity he served until 1928, acting as its secretary in 1924 and for one year acting as chairman of the committee in the absence of Congressman Schaeffer. He has been an earnest worker in the state organization of the Veteran Voters League, is a member of its executive





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committee and is chairman of this district, which comprises thirty-four counties of the state. In June, 1934, he was made a member of the managing committee for Judge Paul Farthing in the southern district of Illinois and his labors have been an effective and resultant force in promoting democratic interests throughout this locality. Since 1920 he has been a delegate to all the state conventions of the party and has also attended several national conventions. Aside from his political activity he is a director of the O'Fallon Building & Loan Association.

On the 10th of April, 1918, was celebrated the marriage of Jerome Munie and Miss Mary Lanter, of Belleville, Illinois, and they have become parents of five children: Melvin, Delmar, Shirley Mae, Leland and Jeanine.

Mr. Munie belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to the Forty and Eight, of which he is past Chef de Gare, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Knights of Columbus. He likewise has membership with the Illinois Sheriffs Association and the Illinois Police Officers Association, and he is the founder of the St. Clair County Police Officers Association. He has made a most enviable record in connection with law enforcement, has warred unafraid against gangsters and was instrumental in capturing the group of bandits who robbed a bank in Lincoln, Nebraska, of two and one-half million dollars. In fact as a custodian of public safety his record is a most notable and enviable one and he well deserves the distinction that made him the first democratic sheriff of St. Clair county in thirty-two years, his election being the result of his personal popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen.

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#### ERNEST H. BENNETT

Ernest H. Bennett, highway patrolman and a resident of Frankfort, was born in Mason county, Illinois, May 27, 1897, a son of William S. and Elizabeth A. Bennett, who removed to Bureau county from Mason county when our subject was but three years old. The father was for thirty-five years precinct committeeman in Mason and Bureau counties and has long been an acknowledged leader in democratic circles. He was mayor of his town for several terms, or about twelve years altogether, and he has taken a very active part in civic affairs as well as in the business interests of his community.

Ernest H. Bennett acquired his education in the schools of Bureau county and became a professional football, basketball and baseball player. The largest league in which he played was a football league which included Minneapolis and other large cities. He came to Frankfort, Will county, when twenty-one years of age and he still retains his interest in athletics, having officiated in fifty-two baseball games in the 1934 season. He has officiated in the State Farm Bureau baseball finals and he is widely and favorably known in sporting circles. He came to Frankfort with a Peoria construction company, then engaged in the building of highways, and in February, 1934, he became highway maintenance patrolman, a work for which he is well fitted. He has always been an active democrat and has served as precinct committeeman continuously since becoming a resident of Frankfort.

There is an interesting military record in the life history of Mr. Bennett, who was a student in the University of Minnesota at the time of the trouble on the Mexican border in 1916. He enlisted for service on the border, becoming a member of the First Minnesota Field Artillery. In December, 1917, when the United States was an active participant in the World war, he again entered military service and was with the Eight Hundred and Sixty-fourth Aero Squadron until discharged March 19, 1919. He was on duty chiefly at Kelly Field in Texas and for a time was in school in St. Paul, Minnesota. He became a first sergeant of the Eight Hundred and Sixty-fourth Aero Squadron. He now has membership with the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In 1924 Mr. Bennett was united in marriage to Miss Clara K. Sangmeister

and they are the parents of a daughter, Marilyn. Formerly Mr. Bennett was affiliated with the Mystic Workers of the World but is not actively identified therewith at the present. He belongs to the Democratic Club and aside from his official duties his time is largely given to the furtherance of the interests of his political party.

#### ARTHUR PATRICK O'BRIEN

Probably the most difficult political position to fill satisfactorily, is that of executive secretary to the governor of a commonwealth. Taet, diplomacy, and courtesy, are essential to a marked degree, and the personal popularity of the governor, largely depends on the extent to which his executive secretary possesses these characteristics. Arthur P. O'Brien is undoubtedly one of the most popular men in public life in the state of Illinois, and yet, few of his friends can realize what a difficult position he is filling.

Mr. O'Brien was born February 26, 1886 at Harvard, Illinois, a son of Thomas and Josephine Bess O'Brien. His education was received in the public schools of Chicago, where his parents had moved when he was six years of age.

Mr. O'Brien has always been active in Democratic circles from the time he reached his maturity. He served as chief clerk of the circuit court of Cook county for some years and, during the term of Judge William E. Dever as mayor of Chicago, he acted as secretary. This fitted Mr. O'Brien splendidly for his present position as executive secretary to Governor Henry Horner, who appointed him to this position in January, 1933.

On February 9, 1927, Mr. O'Brien was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Adams Thompson, daughter of Charles F. Thompson of Chicago, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume.

Socially, Mr. O'Brien belongs to the Chicago Athletic Association, the Flossmoor Country Club, Illini Country Club, and the Sangamo Club, the latter two clubs being located in Springfield, while the first two are in Chicago and, in all of these organizations, "Artie" O'Brien, as he is known to his friends, is most popular.

#### WENDELL J. PHILLIPS

Wendell J. Phillips, a member of the East St. Louis bar and now serving as assistant state's attorney, was born in Mount Vernon, Illinois, June 23, 1896. His father, Willis A. Phillips, likewise a native of this state, was a merchant prior to his death in 1932. He married Amanda Webb, who was born in Illinois and who had seven brothers who are attorneys. Moreover, all have been prominent in democratic affairs in the twenty-second district.

Wendell J. Phillips was a lad of nine years when in 1905 the family home was established in East St. Louis, where he attended the public schools until he had completed the work of the grades, after which he entered high school. Subsequently he was a student in Washington University and for one year in the University of Chicago. He then returned to Washington University, where he completed his preparation for the bar, winning his professional degree in 1927.

After America entered the World war Mr. Phillips joined the United States Army in May, 1917, and was identified therewith until January, 1923, as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Field Artillery. He was commissioned a first lieutenant and during four years of his military experience he was in hospitals of France and the United States as a result of injuries received in company maneuvers after the armistice was signed. He went through all of the major engagements in which his regiment participated while hostilities were actively going on between the German troops and the allies. It was following his recovery from the injuries sustained that he pursued his law course and was admitted to the bar. He then became associated in practice in



East St. Louis with the firm of Webb & Webb and in 1928 he formed a partnership with Dale Billman, an association that was maintained until 1932, when Mr. Phillips was made assistant state's attorney of St. Clair county, in which office he is still serving. He is a member of the East St. Louis Bar Association and he enjoys the warm regard and confidence of his fellow members of the profession.

Mr. Phillips is well known in fraternal circles. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Elks Lodge No. 664 of East St. Louis, of which he is now exalted ruler, and he has membership in the Tau Kappa Epsilon, the Phi Delta Phi and the Delta Sigma Rho, the last named being an honorary forensic fraternity. He also belongs to the American Legion and is active in its affairs. He has always given his political endorsement to the democratic party and his brother, George R. Phillips, is precinct committeeman in the eightieth precinct, where they have a local organization that can always be depended upon to bring out the votes. Wendell J. Phillips is a firm believer in the principles and platform of his party and is in thorough accord with the administration.

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### FREDERICK A. PERKINS

Frederick A. Perkins, who for a third of a century has practiced law in Canton, gaining a position of distinction as a member of the Fulton county bar, is also recognized as one of the leaders of democracy in his part of the state and has acceptably filled various public offices. He has been a lifelong resident of Canton, where he was born in 1880, a son of Captain R. A. and Martha (Steele) Perkins. The father won his title in service with the Fifth New York Cavalry in the Civil war. He came to Illinois in the '70s, settling in Canton, where he became a prominent and influential citizen, serving for two terms as mayor and also as postmaster under President Cleveland. He was a delegate to one of the democratic national conventions and was a presidential elector at the time Grover Cleveland was elected for a second term. He did much to shape public thought and action in his community and his aid was always given on the side of progress and improvement.

Frederick A. Perkins, after completing his course in the high school of Canton, attended the University of Illinois as a law student and won his LL. B. degree at his graduation with the class of 1901. The same year he was admitted to the bar and opened a law office in Canton, where he has since successfully practiced, having a large and growing clientele that has connected him with much of the most important litigation heard in the courts of the district. For three terms he was elected and served as city attorney and was the democratic candidate for state's attorney in 1908. He also served for two terms as postmaster under Woodrow Wilson's presidency, and it was during his incumbency that Canton's office was raised to the first class and the fine post-office building was completed and occupied. Mr. Perkins has also served on the county central committee a number of times and has been a delegate to state and judicial conventions. In a word he has done not a little to shape the activities and control the destiny of the party in his section of the state.

In 1909 Mr. Perkins was united in marriage to Miss Lila Reichert, of Ohio, and they are the parents of three children, as follows: Richard A., who was graduated from the University of Illinois with the Bachelor of Arts degree and from the University of Michigan with the degree of Bachelor of Laws and who is now a practicing attorney of Canton; Margaret R., who is a member of the faculty of Vassar College, from which she was graduated in 1934; and Charles E., at home. Fraternally Mr. Perkins is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose and has advanced far in Masonry, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Peoria

Consistory. At the time of the World war he served as vice chairman of the Liberty Loan committee of Fulton county and also as county chairman of the War Savings committee.

#### JAMES THOMAS SOLON

Among the well known business men of Streator is James Thomas Solon, who is conducting a general insurance agency, in which connection he has built up a substantial patronage. He is a native of Streator, born November 15, 1903, his parents being Leonard and Nellie (Pidgeon) Solon, both natives of La Salle county. The father is still living in Streator, but the mother has been called to the home beyond. The paternal grandfather of James T. Solon was James Patrick Solon, who founded the family in La Salle county, where he long made his home. He was a democrat from the time when he cast his first vote and was an active party worker. He served on the board of review and on the board of supervisors in La Salle county. His son, Leonard Solon, conducts a funeral home and is also proprietor of a garage in Streator.

The schools of his native city provided James T. Solon his educational opportunities until he had mastered the work of the grades and been graduated from the high school in 1921. He then entered the University of Notre Dame and is numbered among its alumni of the class of 1925, at which time the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon him. Here his course of study was along lines that have been useful to him in the insurance business. Since August of that year he has conducted a general insurance business in Streator and is familiar with every branch thereof, so that he is able to give wise counsel to his clients concerning the best kind of insurance to meet their needs.

Mr. Solon is a member of the Ace of Clubs of Streator. He belongs to the Catholic Church, and to the Knights of Columbus, and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, serving on committees in both orders. He is well known in democratic circles as a staunch supporter of party principles and in 1932 he was president of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Streator. He is now a member of the board of education of the city and was the democratic nominee in 1930 for state senator. He was also a candidate for that office in the primary of 1934 and lost by only five hundred votes. In 1930 he was a delegate to the state convention and was an alternate delegate to the state convention in 1934. He is recognized as one of the leaders of democracy in his city and he has the confidence and goodwill of his fellow workers in the party.

#### HON. EDWIN L. WILSON

Among the most prominent and widely known representatives of the bar in Joliet is numbered Hon. Edwin L. Wilson, who occupies the bench of the twelfth judicial circuit. He has always resided in Joliet, in which city he was born March 7, 1884, his parents being Leonard G. and Ella M. Wilson. The father, who was a native of England, came to Joliet at the age of twenty years and took out his citizenship papers in Will county, being naturalized in the same building in which his son is now serving as circuit judge. He long gave his political support to the democratic party. He had been a resident of Joliet for sixty-two years when he died as an octogenarian, and in his passing the county lost a respected and valued citizen. His widow still survives.

At the usual age Edwin L. Wilson entered the public schools of his native city and after completing the high school course he matriculated in the University of Illinois, where he pursued his more specifically literary studies, gaining the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1908. The two succeeding years were devoted to the study of law at the same institution and in 1910 the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him. He then opened an office in Chicago, where he continued in active law practice until 1933, when he became the candidate of the democratic party for the office of circuit judge of the twelfth district and was elected for a six-year



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term in June, 1933, so that he is now presiding over the court. His decisions are strictly fair and impartial and are based upon a comprehensive knowledge of the law and ability to accurately apply these principles to the points in litigation. He had several times been a candidate of the party previous to his election to the bench and had served as probate judge of Will county in 1928. He was also the democratic candidate for congress from the eleventh congressional district and he has been active in politics during the past twenty years, serving most of that time as a member of the county central committee, of which he is now chairman. He has also been a delegate to various conventions and his opinions have long carried weight in party councils. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being a past exalted ruler of the lodge in Joliet. In his practice Judge Wilson has held to the highest ideals and his work as advocate or counselor, as well as his work on the bench, has been highly ethical. He has always made his home in Joliet, where he is greatly respected because of what he has accomplished and by reason of the high standards which have actuated him in every relation of life.

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### WILLIAM BOLAND, SR.

William Boland, Sr., who is employed as a bridge tender at the La Salle bridge, makes his home in the city where he has spent his entire life. He was here born October 24, 1878, a son of Miles and Bridget Boland, both of whom have passed away. The father was a civil war veteran, enlisting at Wenona, Illinois, in 1861 and becoming a member of Company C, Forty-fourth Illinois Infantry, with which command he served throughout the period of hostilities.

After acquiring his education in the schools of La Salle, William Boland, Sr., was engaged in the livery business for a number of years within a block of where he now resides at 417 Second street. He afterward was made assistant chief of police of La Salle and filled the position for twelve years. In November, 1933, he became bridge tender at the La Salle bridge and has since acted in this capacity.

In September, 1901, Mr. Boland was united in marriage to Miss Mary McAley and they are the parents of four children, as follows: William, Jr.; Mary Roseland, who is the wife of Robert Shadenshank; Enlala; and Joseph. The family are communicants of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Mr. Boland was formerly a member of the Knights of Columbus. He has always been an active democrat and his work for the party has been effective and far-reaching. For nine years he served as alderman under Mayor H. M. Orr and others. For the past eight years his son, William Boland, Jr., has been precinct committeeman and yet occupies this office. He is an electrical engineer and is in charge of the local power plant. The Boland family has long been represented in this section of the state, and both father and son are well known here and are regarded as representative members of the democratic party.

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### STEPHEN H. KERNAN

Stephen H. Kernan, president of the East Side Levee & Sanitary District of East St. Louis, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, December 25, 1889. His father, Lawrence G. Kernan, was a native of the state of New York and was connected with the United States postal department in St. Louis for many years. During the Civil war he was private secretary to General Nichols, and he always gave stalwart allegiance to the democratic party. He married Bridget Howard, a native of St. Louis, and they removed across the river to East St. Louis when their son Stephen was six years of age.

Here the boy attended the parochial schools, and he has supplemented his early studies by much home reading. When he was young he obtained employment in a glass factory, where he remained for a short time, and was afterward

with Armour & Company as a messenger boy. He also spent four years as clerk with the Big Four Railroad Company and in 1911 he became a redman for the East Side Levee & Sanitary District. While thus employed he studied and won promotion to more responsible posts. In 1920 he became a draftsman in the street department of East St. Louis and has since been connected with the service, being now assistant city engineer. Thus step by step he has worked his way upward, winning his promotions through merit and ability. He has advanced his skill through practical knowledge and experience, utilizing every opportunity to increase his efficiency and make his service of real worth to the municipality. In 1932 he was elected a member of the East Side Levee & Sanitary District, which chose him as its president, a position which he now holds. He has served for two years as a member of the county board of supervisors and has always been faithful to the trust reposed in him. Since attaining his majority he has been an active democrat and he was a delegate to the state convention held at Springfield in 1934. He has served for several years as a member of the city committee and has done everything in his power to win success for the party.

In 1918 Mr. Kernan was united in marriage to Ruth Curtis, of East St. Louis, and they are the parents of six children, namely: Stephen, Mary Ruth, Emily Margaret, Lawrence, Patricia and John. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and Mr. Kernan belongs to the Knights of Columbus as a fourth degree member and has served for twelve years as a trustee of the local council. His wife is connected with the Daughters of Isabella and she manifests her interest in politics as a member of the Democratic Women's Club. Mr. Kernan belongs to the Optimist Club and to the Illinois Society of Engineers. He has worked his way steadily upward, actuated by a laudable ambition, and as the years have passed he has made a most creditable record.

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#### M. D. GALLAGHER

M. D. Gallagher is now serving as county mine inspector for Peoria county and brings to his duties the benefit of broad technical and practical skill, for he has long been identified with mining interests. His entire life has been passed in Illinois, his birth having occurred in La Salle, August 5, 1876, his parents being Patrick and Mary (Reedy) Gallagher, both of whom were born in County Roscommon, Ireland. They became pioneer settlers of La Salle, where they reared their family, consisting of two sons and a daughter.

M. D. Gallagher was educated in the schools of Streator, Illinois, and became a proficient mine technician through years of practical training and also by reason of a course of study pursued at the School of Mines at Scranton, Pennsylvania. He filled various positions in the mines which qualified him to serve efficiently at his present post as inspector of coal mines in Peoria county. He has held this position for six terms. There is no phase of coal mining with which he is not entirely familiar and his comprehensive knowledge has been of great value in this connection.

In early manhood Mr. Gallagher was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Machin, a native of Peoria, Illinois, and a daughter of Walter and Eliza (King) Machin, the former born in England. The grandparents of Mrs. Gallagher in the maternal line were pioneer residents of Peoria. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher have two sons and a daughter, namely: Ralph, who married Lenora Herbert; Edna, the wife of John R. Haller; and George, who married Evelyn Lewis and has a son, Michael R.

Fraternally Mr. Gallagher is connected with the Loyal Order of Moose. He has always been active in democratic politics and has rendered efficient service to his party, working earnestly to support the principles in which he believes and place the party candidates in office. He has also been active in the labor

movement, having served as vice president of the United Mine Workers organization in his district. His has been an active, busy and useful life and he deserves all the success that has come to him.

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### CHARLES B. TAYLOR

Charles B. Taylor, a broker of Tuscola who is well known as a staunch advocate of democratic principles, was born in Douglas county, Illinois, November 20, 1874, a son of Abraham B. and Nancy J. (Gill) Taylor. The mother was born in Kentucky, September 6, 1842, and was brought to Illinois in 1850. Abraham B. Taylor was born in Pike county, Ohio, February 22, 1825, and arrived in this state in 1854. He followed farming throughout his entire life, thus providing for the support of his family. He always gave his allegiance to the democratic party and was an active worker in its behalf, always supporting the entire ticket. He passed away in 1882 and is still survived by his widow, who remembers hearing Lincoln speak at Charleston, Illinois, in 1858.

Charles B. Taylor supplemented his high school training by study in the Bryant & Stratton Business College of Chicago, which he attended in 1895. He was reared to the occupation of farming and continuously followed that pursuit until 1902, since which time he has given his attention to the brokerage business. Reared in the democratic faith, he has always advocated the principles of the party and he served as committeeman for twenty years, beginning in 1896, and acting as chairman of the county central committee for fourteen years. He was postmaster under appointment of President Wilson from 1913 until 1922 and his administration of the office was businesslike and progressive. He has attended the judicial, congressional and state conventions and in 1916 was a delegate to the democratic national convention held in St. Louis. Again in 1920 he attended the national convention held in San Francisco, in 1924 in New York, and in 1932 was a visitor to the national convention in Chicago. He was appointed on the 1st of April, 1933, as investigator of the pardon and parole board of Illinois by Governor Horner and is now acting in that capacity. A member of the Jeffersonian Club, he holds loyally to its purposes and his efforts in behalf of party victories have been far-reaching and resultant.

In 1908 Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Aileen Jones, representative of a pioneer family of Douglas county, Illinois, and they are the parents of a son and a daughter, Lawrence and Martha. In his fraternal relations Mr. Taylor is a Knight of Pythias and also is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America.

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### H. E. FISCHER

H. E. Fischer, engaged in the banking business in O'Fallon, is also serving on the county board of supervisors. He was here born July 16, 1884, a son of William and Elizabeth Fischer, the latter a native of Germany. The father was born in Switzerland and in young manhood came to the United States, here engaging in cigar manufacturing.

H. E. Fischer attended the public schools of O'Fallon and in early manhood became a clerk in a grocery store, being thus employed for eleven years. His fellow townsmen elected him to the office of city clerk and for six years he acted in that capacity. He served for twenty years as clerk of the township of O'Fallon and in 1932 the township elected him a member of the county board of supervisors. He is now chairman of its finance committee and is proving a capable and trustworthy official. He also served for one year as a member of the board of aldermen and over his official record there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil.

Mr. Fischer continues an active factor in business circles and in 1921 assisted in the organization of the State Bank of O'Fallon, of which he has since served as assistant cashier. He is a wide-awake and alert business man



and his activity and enterprise have contributed largely to the success of the bank, of which he is now a director. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge, of which he is a past master, and with the Loyal Order of Moose, of which he is now treasurer.

### FRANK M. OPEKA

Frank M. Opeka, who is one of the most successful and promising young attorneys of Lake county, Illinois, and who lives in North Chicago, has been active in the work of the democratic party since 1928. He has displayed marked enthusiasm and sincerity in his political views and may safely be classed with those democrats of the newer generation who are destined to hold the party in the ascendancy in future years.

Mr. Opeka was born in Waukegan, Illinois, on the 13th of October, 1898, and he is a son of Frank and Gertrude (Straziser) Opeka. Frank Opeka was born in Laibach, Austria (now Jugo-Slavia) and in 1890 came to the United States. He settled in Waukegan, where he was in the employ of the American Steel and Wire Company. For many years he was engaged in the mercantile business in North Chicago, and is now occupied in beer distribution. His wife and mother of Frank M. is likewise a native of Jugo-Slavia.

Frank M. Opeka attended the parochial schools of Waukegan and the Waukegan Township high school, and graduated from St. Viator's College in 1918. His entrance into civil life, however, was delayed by his immediate enlistment, in June, 1918, in the United States Marine Corps. He trained at Paris Island and was subsequently on duty at Haiti, West Indies. He received his honorable discharge at the Brooklyn Navy Yard in October, 1919.

Having returned to North Chicago, Mr. Opeka became a bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Waukegan and so remained until 1920, in which year he came to North Chicago as assistant cashier of the Lake County State Bank. His ability was quickly recognized, and he was soon promoted to cashier. In March, 1923, perceiving an opportunity which could not be ignored, he resigned from the bank and entered the real estate and insurance business, which proved very profitable and well justified his judgment. He became popular in North Chicago, and in 1923 was elected city treasurer there, which office he held for two years. Being of ambitious nature and consistently looking ahead to the future, Mr. Opeka entered the night classes of the Chicago Law College and completed his legal courses in 1926. He was admitted to the Illinois State Bar in December, 1929. He practiced his profession in Chicago for three years, but since 1931 his office has been situated in North Chicago. He has been very successful in acquiring a clientele, and is a member of the Lake County, the Illinois State and the American Bar Associations.

As previously noted, Mr. Opeka has been very active in the democratic party since 1928. He served as democratic judge of elections in Des Plaines and as assistant state's attorney of Lake county. In 1934 he was a candidate for the state legislature and carried Lake county by a large majority, but lost in the district.

Mr. Opeka was married June 28, 1922, to Miss Vera Carroll, of Des Plaines, Illinois, and they have become the parents of two children, Francis Carroll and Barbara Joan. Mrs. Opeka is well known as one of North Chicago's public-spirited women and is much interested in American Legion auxiliary work and in various charitable movements.

Mr. Opeka has a number of fraternal and other affiliations. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and is Past Deputy Grand Knight. He belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In connection with his military service, he is with the American Legion, of which he is a past commander; the 40 and 8, of which he is past grand correspondent of Illinois; and the Democratic Ex-Servicemen's League of Lake county. His legal fraternity is the Phi Alpha Delta, and he is enrolled with the North Chicago Chamber of Commerce.





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## BEN F. SWEAT

Ben F. Sweat, who has always been a loyal democrat and active in local campaigns, has been employed regularly in the highway maintenance department at Marengo since October, 1933. A native of Kentucky, he was born May 14, 1892, a son of William and Mag (Morris) Sweat. He attended the public schools of his native state and in young manhood worked as a lumberman in the sawmills. The year 1920 witnessed his arrival in Illinois, at which time he located in McHenry county, where he has since made his home.

In 1917 Mr. Sweat was united in marriage to Estella O'Bryan and they are the parents of four children: Lueia, Joseph, Charles and Gladys.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Sweat has consistently supported the democratic party, taking a helpful interest in all local campaigns. He is now serving as a truck driver and patrolman helper with the highway maintenance department at Marengo, having worked continuously with this department since October, 1933. Diligent and industrious, he is always willing to perform any duty that devolves upon him and his work is highly satisfactory to those under whom he serves.

## PRESLEY G. BRADBURY

Presley G. Bradbury, who left the impress of his individuality and ability upon the records of the legal profession in Crawford county and whose skill and power in handling intricate legal problems before the courts was widely recognized, was born on a farm in Hutsonville township, Crawford county, October 6, 1847. He was a son of John S. and Jemima (Buekner) Bradbury, who arrived in this county in 1820, removing westward from North Carolina. The father was of Scotch lineage. John S. Bradbury was one of the pioneer residents of Crawford county, Illinois, settling here when it was still a frontier district and thereafter contributing much to its upbuilding and development.

Presley G. Bradbury, after studying in the common schools of Crawford county, became a public school teacher, following the profession for seven years and displaying marked capability in imparting readily and forcefully to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He was then elected superintendent of schools of this county for a four-year period and did much to improve and build up the public school system. During his term of office he read law under the direction of Judge Franklin Robb, of Robinson, and was admitted to the bar on the 4th of July, 1876. In November of the same year he was elected state's attorney of Crawford county and the excellent record which he made in office led to his re-election for a second term of four years. He proved to be one of the most successful state's attorneys that the county has ever had. Following his admission to the bar in 1876, Mr. Bradbury formed a partnership with his former preceptor, Judge Franklin Robb, under the firm style of Robb & Bradbury, a connection that was continued until the death of the Judge in 1890. This was recognized as one of the strongest law firms in southern Illinois and was accorded a large and distinctively representative practice. Later Mr. Bradbury became a partner of F. W. Lewis, who is now representative from this district to the state legislature, and this association was maintained until Mr. Lewis was elected state's attorney. Mr. Bradbury then formed a partnership with Joseph A. MacHatton which was maintained until 1908. He later became a partner of Judge Duane Gaines, and when that firm was dissolved, Mr. Bradbury admitted his son, William E., to a partnership, the latter remaining active in law practice to the present day. In the meantime Mr. Bradbury had held various positions and offices, serving as a director of the First National Bank of Robinson for more than twenty years. He was actively interested in farming, owning at the time of his death several good farm properties which he wisely and intelligently developed and improved, being regarded as one of the enterprising and successful agriculturists of this district. During his service as president of the school board he did

nuch to further the educational interests of the community. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church and was elected a life member of the board of elders. Along professional lines he was identified with the Crawford County Bar Association, of which he served as president, and he was also an active member of the Illinois State Bar Association. Fraternally he was a Mason. He manifested tangible interest in all civic affairs, giving his aid and support to every project for the general good, and he maintained high position in legal circles for more than a half century. Recognizing the duties and obligations of citizenship, he carefully studied political problems and was an active supporter of the democratic party, being recognized as the party leader in Crawford county for many years. He delivered campaign addresses throughout the county in support of the whole ticket through a considerable period and he attended all of the state, congressional and judicial conventions. He was likewise present at many Jackson Day banquets in Philadelphia and Boston and he put forth every possible effort to further the upbuilding of democracy and win success for its candidates.

Mr. Bradbury was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Kelly, of Sullivan county, Indiana, on the 31st of December, 1879. Their children are: John L., who was born in 1885 and died in 1908; Mrs. Frances C. Goff; Palmer G.; William E., who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; and James Stanley, who is state's attorney and is also represented on another page of this volume. All of the children remain residents of Robinson, as does Mrs. Bradbury. When Presley G. Bradbury was called to his final rest July 30, 1930, the community mourned a representative and honored citizen, his friends a loyal associate and his family a devoted husband and father. His life was ever guided by high and worthy principles and he occupied an outstanding position among the citizens of this district.

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#### DON CLARK

Don Clark, a member of the Illinois State police force and a well known representative of the democratic party in Clay county, was born January 7, 1892, in the city where he now makes his home, his parents being Thomas Jefferson and Mary A. (Lillie) Clark. The latter was a native of Fayette county, Illinois, her parents having settled in that county on removing to this state from Virginia. Her father had previously been one of the professors in the University of Richmond in Virginia and her mother had taught social science in the same institution. With their removal westward they homesteaded in Fayette county, where they reared a large family that included Mary A. Lillie. Tennessee claimed Thomas J. Clark as a native son, his birth having occurred in Logan county, that state. He came to Illinois with his father, Henry M. Clark, who was a minister of the Christian Church, devoting many years of his life to preaching the gospel. At the time of the Civil war he served as a chaplain with the Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He married the daughter of Peter Ferman, who was the first minister of the Christian Church in Illinois. Thomas J. Clark devoted his time and attention to railroading for several years and after establishing his home in Flora he served as city clerk for a number of terms, while at the time of his death, which occurred July 14, 1927, he was filling the office of police magistrate. He was recognized for a number of years as one of the political leaders of Clay county, always giving staunch support to the democratic party. In 1906 he purchased the Clay County Democrat, which was the last paper of this political persuasion published in the county, and edited it for four years. He was a democratic committeeman for several years and also served as chairman of the Clay county democratic central committee. On various occasions he was a delegate to the congressional, judicial and state conventions and in 1912 he was made one of the presidential electors of Illinois. In fact he was a recognized leader of de-



moeracy in this state, having a wide acquaintance among the foremost democrats of this part of the country. His widow still survives, making her home in Flora at the age of seventy-five years.

Their son, Don Clark, obtained his early education in the grammar and high schools of Flora and afterward spent two years as a student in the David Ranken Jr. School of Mechanical Trades in St. Louis. He then attended the University of Illinois for two years, after which he followed the electrical trade until 1916, when he entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, which he represented first as brakeman and afterward as conductor. In 1917 he enlisted in the Tenth Infantry and went to the Mexican border. With America's entrance into the World war he was transferred to the transportation corps at general headquarters and while overseas participated in a number of the memorable engagements whereby America contributed much to the final victory that crowned the allied arms. He was present in the battles of Cambrai, Soissons, in which he was wounded, St. Mihiel, in which he was gassed, and the engagements of the Meuse-Argonne campaign. When hostilities were over he returned to his native country and received his discharge at Camp Grant in July, 1919.

With his return home Mr. Clark again entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, with which he remained until January, 1932. On the 22d of March, 1933, he was appointed by Governor Henry Horner to the position of maintenance police and is now serving in that capacity. He has been active in democratic politics since of age and has taken a prominent and helpful part in organization work and has served on many committees. He was one of the organizers of the Jeffersonian Club and became its first president and on various occasions he has been made a delegate to the judicial, congressional and state conventions, in which his opinions carry weight.

On the 30th of January, 1927, Mr. Clark was married to Miss Elsie Grisham, who was born in Williamson county, Illinois, a daughter of Curtis and Etta (Durham) Grisham, members of a prominent democratic family. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have one child, Donna Marie. Mr. Clark belongs to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and to the Illinois Police Association. He is a member of the American Legion, in which he is very active, having been service officer since its organization, and also is a past commander. He has likewise served on state and district committees and he does everything in his power for the welfare of his former army comrades. His religious faith is that of the Christian Church and he is a highly respected resident of Flora, enjoying the goodwill and kindly regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

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### GEORGE H. DEEMY

For many years George H. Deemy, of Peoria, has been actively identified with mining interests as foreman, superintendent and as owner of mines and is now a state mine inspector. His broad experience enables him to speak with authority upon many questions relative to the industry and he is particularly well qualified for the position he is now filling. A native of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, he was born April 2, 1875, a son of Daniel W. and Susan (Lichtenberger) Deemy, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state, both being descended from old families who were in Pennsylvania before the Revolutionary war. Daniel W. Deemy removed with his family from that state to Kansas, settling near Abilene, where he engaged in farming.

George H. Deemy was only eighteen years of age at the time of his father's death, but being the eldest of the children, the responsibilities of the family devolved upon him and he had to assume the support of the younger members of the household. In 1894 the family came to Illinois, settling at Farmington, where an uncle of George H. Deemy lived. Here Mr. Deemy entered the mines and became a foreman. Steadily he worked his way upward, advancing step by

step until he was made superintendent of the mines near Peoria. He has remained active in the mining industry from 1894 to the present time, covering a period of forty years. He also was interested in mining as owner and operator for a number of years and on the 15th of March, 1934, he was appointed state mine inspector, his territory covering Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, Stark, Marshall and McLean counties. He has lived in Peoria since 1909 and is widely known in mining circles throughout this part of the state.

In early manhood Mr. Deemy was united in marriage to Anna M. Johnson, of Edwards, Illinois, and they are the parents of four children, namely: Albert, Henry, Elinor and Wilson. Mr. Deemy is a democrat, working for the party in a quiet way because of his belief in its principles. He is a Master Mason and loyally follows the teachings and purposes of the craft. His has been an active, useful and well spent life and Peoria's citizens esteem him as a man of sterling worth.

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### SAMUEL M. McKENDREE

Samuel M. McKendree, manager of the Modern Dry Cleaning Company, which carries on business at 626 North Logan street in Danville, was born in Salem, Illinois, October 17, 1892, a son of William H. and Martha M. (Middleton) McKendree. The father was a dairy farmer and continued active in the business to the time of his death. He was also well known as a supporter of democratic principles and had firm faith in the party. At the time of the settlement of the southern part of the state he was made a minister on the Methodist circuit, and he was a brother of Bishop McKendree, a well known preacher of that denomination. Another brother, Charles O. McKendree, established McKendree College at Lebanon, Illinois, and thus the family has been closely associated with the political, intellectual and moral progress of the state. William H. McKendree passed away in 1914, at the age of sixty-three years, and his wife died in 1930. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Iva; Aaron; Layton, who is deceased; Virginia; Samuel M., of this review; Ethel Viola; Gerald Dean; America Grace, who has passed away; and Charles Oran.

The country schools accorded Samuel M. McKendree his early educational privileges and later he studied in the Salem school under the sister of William Jennings Bryan. After putting aside his textbooks he went into hospital work as an orderly in the Rainey Hospital at Salem, Illinois, where he remained for three years. He then turned his attention to the dry cleaning business, for which he was well qualified through his previous study of chemistry, to which he still devotes considerable time. It was in 1909, at Salem, that he first entered that business field, in which he continued until December, 1912, when he removed to Danville. He was then employed in different parts of the county for several years but in 1933 established the Modern Dry Cleaning Company, of which he is the managing head, and under his guidance the business is steadily and substantially growing.

On the 18th of July, 1914, Mr. McKendree was united in marriage to Miss Mande B. Strebel, a native of Danville, Illinois, and a daughter of Leonard and Rose (Mayer) Strebel, both of whom are deceased. Leonard Strebel was a tailor of Danville. Mrs. McKendree is a member of the Methodist Church, while Mr. McKendree belongs to the Baptist Church. He likewise has membership in Anchor Lodge No. 980, A. F. & A. M., of Danville. Politically he has always been a democrat. In his youthful days he became much interested in democratic politics at the time when William Jennings Bryan was first a candidate for president. He cast his first presidential vote for Woodrow Wilson and his second for John W. Davis. In 1932 he was a candidate for state senator and at the present writing in 1934, is running for representative on the party ticket. He is the treasurer of the Young Democratic Club and he is and always has been and always will be a Bryan democrat. This thought is all based on the teachings of his



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youth, received through his parents and the sister of Mr. Bryan, as well as through the utterances of Bryan himself. For the past five years Mr. McKendree has been reading law under a tutor, not particularly with the idea of entering upon active practice but for the purpose of familiarizing himself with legal principles, knowing that a knowledge thereof will be of great benefit to him in many ways. He has led a busy and useful life, actuated by a commendable ambition for advancement, and as the years have gone on he has made steady and gratifying progress.

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### WILLIAM H. REISS

William H. Reiss, enjoying a well earned rest after years devoted to farming, now makes his home in Lebanon, St. Clair county, and that he is an earnest worker in democratic circles is indicated in the fact that he is now serving as supervisor. A native of St. Clair county, he was born in a log house on Ridge Prairie, November 15, 1867. His father, Charles F. Reiss, was born at Floraville, this county, and was a son of John Reiss, who came to the United States in the early part of the nineteenth century. Both were farmers, and Charles F. Reiss gave his political support to the democratic party, at various times filling township offices. He was for sixty years a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he died at the age of eighty-eight. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Eva Dintelmann, was a native of Darmstadt, Germany, and came to the United States with her parents when nine years of age, the voyage being made in a sailing vessel.

William H. Reiss was but a year old when the family home was established near O'Fallon, where they lived for five years on one farm. They then removed to another farm, where they resided for many years, and later the father purchased land near Ridge Prairie. The son obtained a public school education and aided his father in the farm work, early becoming familiar with the task of cultivating the fields. When twenty-six years of age he married and rented the farm which his father had cultivated and which he continued to further develop and improve for fifteen years. He then removed to the farm of his father-in-law near Summerfield and remained thereon for five years. In 1916 he purchased two hundred and twenty-five acres of land near Summerfield. Thereafter he gave his attention to the cultivation of his crops until 1928, when he sold one hundred and twenty-five acres of his farm and removed to Lebanon, where he has since enjoyed a well earned rest. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers Elevator at Summerfield and was its president for many years, while at the present writing he is secretary.

Mr. Reiss is keenly interested in politics and has served for several years on the county committee as precinct committeeman from O'Fallon and Summerfield. He attended the democratic convention in Peoria when the attempt was made to oust Roger Sullivan. In 1930 he was elected supervisor of the town of Lebanon and is now a member of the county board, serving on the committee on outside paupers. While in O'Fallon he served on the school board for eight years and for twenty years he was on the school board of Lebanon township. He was strongly influential in bringing about the erection of the new school building at O'Fallon, there being strong feeling both for and against the project.

On the 10th of January, 1894, Mr. Reiss was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Nies, a daughter of Daniel and Barbara Nies. Mr. and Mrs. Reiss are the parents of three children, namely: Edgar; Roland, a farmer by occupation, who is married and has two children, Shirley and Roland, Jr.; and Lucile, who is the wife of Henry Dietz, of Belleville, and has a daughter, Marilyn. Mr. Reiss has lived a well spent life. He saved his money while renting land, so that he was able to pay cash when he purchased his farm. He has always been very industrious and energetic and has been prompted by a laudable ambition that has made him one of the successful farmers of southwestern Illinois.

## MICHAEL JOSEPH O'BRIEN

Michael Joseph O'Brien, a member of the highway patrol of Illinois, making his home at Putnam, in Putnam county, was here born on the 15th of April, 1892, a son of Michael and Mary O'Brien, both of whom have passed away. The father was a farmer by occupation, devoting his entire life to the work of tilling the soil, and he was ever an active democrat, voting for the party and doing all in his power to advance its success.

To the schools of Putnam county Michael J. O'Brien is indebted for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed and which fitted him for life's practical and responsible duties. He became a farmer, early being trained to the work of the fields, and to general agricultural pursuits he gave his entire attention until he was appointed highway maintenance patrolman on the 1st of February, 1933, since which time he has filled the office, covering a period of almost two years.

On the 11th of July, 1933, Mr. O'Brien was united in marriage to Miss Vera Blanke. They enjoy an extensive acquaintance in Putnam, where they have gained the warm friendship of many and where Mr. O'Brien is well known as a supporter of democratic principles, his allegiance to the party and his fitness for the position constituting the sources of his appointment to his present office.

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LEO J. SCHMIDT

Leo J. Schmidt, a representative citizen of Edwardsville who is serving as state food inspector, belongs to a family that has long been connected with the democratic party. His father, Joseph Schmidt, was a staunch democrat who was born in Memphis, Tennessee. The grandfather, serving as a soldier in the Confederate Army, was wounded in battle and his death resulted therefrom. Joseph and his mother were captured by the Union troops. As a young man Joseph Schmidt came north to Edwardsville, Illinois, and entered the grocery business, which he conducted for sixty years, long holding place among the active and influential business men of the city. He took a helpful part in promoting the interests of democracy and he served as township tax collector and for several years on the county committee. His wife bore the maiden name of Annie Bange and was a native of Edwardsville.

Leo J. Schmidt was born in Edwardsville, Illinois, June 24, 1894. He pursued his education in parochial and public schools of Edwardsville and also attended the night sessions of the Central high school of St. Louis, Missouri. He then joined his father in the grocery business, becoming an active assistant in carrying on the enterprise. Five days before this country entered the World war he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was in training at Port Royal, South Carolina. In June, 1917, he went to France with the famous Second Division. For thirteen months he was in intense action, never sleeping in a bed in all that time but being on active duty on the front line and participating in all of the engagements with his command. He was wounded at Soissons, July 19, 1918, and was in the hospital for thirty days. He was then on police duty in Paris. He has three citations from General Petain and one from Woodrow Wilson, and he received his discharge in June, 1919. Upon his return home he took charge of the grocery business which had been established by his father and conducted it until April, 1934, when he closed it out.

Inheriting his democracy, Mr. Schmidt became an active party man in early life. He was vice president of the Cox-Roosevelt campaign in 1920 and since then he has served on the county committee at several different times. For one term he was tax collector of Edwardsville township and he is a very loyal and patriotic democrat. He has attended many of the state conventions as a delegate and was one of the original Horner men. On the 22d of August, 1933, the governor appointed him state food inspector in the department of agriculture.

On the 19th of October, 1921, Mr. Schmidt was united in marriage to Miss Mary Pizzini, a native of Edwardsville, and they are the parents of two children, Leo E., and Ruth Marie. Mr. Schmidt was one of the organizers and charter members of the American Legion Post No. 199 and his wife belongs to the American Legion Auxiliary. He is also connected with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, No. 1299. He belongs to St. Boniface Roman Catholic Church and to the Knights of Columbus, and his interest in community welfare is shown in his connection with the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a charter member. His entire life has been passed in Edwardsville, and that his record is a most creditable one is shown by the fact that his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood days to the present.

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#### PETER PERADOTTI

With his appointment as a member of the state police force, February 18, 1933, Peter Peradotti entered the service of the commonwealth and has made a good record in office by the faithful and prompt performance of his duties. A native of Illinois, he was born in the town of Mark in 1906, a son of Peter and Della Peradotti, who are now residents of Mark, Illinois. The father has been a democrat throughout his entire life.

His son and namesake, Peter Peradotti, Jr., pursued his education by attending the grade and night schools at Mark and after completing his course he became a member of the police force of Highwood, acting in that capacity for four years. This gave him valuable training and experience that qualified him for his present position as a member of the state police force, in which capacity he has now served for almost two years following his appointment on the 18th of February, 1933.

In March, 1932, Mr. Peradotti was united in marriage to Miss Lora Ghibel-  
leni. They reside at 246 Everett place in Highwood, Lake county, and are communicants of St. James Catholic Church. Mr. Peradotti belongs to the Lake County Democratic Club and has always been an active party worker, doing everything in his power to promote the success of democracy in this county.

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#### JOHN R. SLATER

Having always voted the democratic ticket and given his loyal support to the party, John R. Slater was on June 1, 1934, appointed postmaster of Savanna, Carroll county, Illinois, in which community he is generally regarded as one of the most popular citizens.

Mr. Slater was born in Toledo, Ohio, March 27, 1882, and is a son of James E. and Emma (Wilt) Slater. The father, who was born in Utica, New York, was for many years a car repairer for the Pennsylvania Railroad and lived in Tiffin, Ohio. He was a democrat in his political views. His wife was born in the state of Ohio.

The public schools of Tiffin afforded John R. Slater his educational opportunities and as a young man he learned the machinists trade with the National Machinery Company of Tiffin. About the year 1900, he came to Rock Island, Illinois, and was there three years as a machinist with the Rock Island Arsenal. He then moved to Davenport, Iowa, and was a machinist with the Davenport Locomotive Works about two years. For a like period thereafter he was with the Rock Island Railroad, following which he was for a year and a half in Idaho, where he worked at his trade. In June, 1909, he came to Savanna, Illinois, with the Milwaukee Railroad. Six months later he was sent to Council Bluffs, Iowa, as roundhouse foreman, and kept this position for eighteen months. Next, he went to Marion, Iowa, also as roundhouse foreman, and then returned to Savanna as assistant foreman. In February, 1920, he was appointed general foreman of the Milwaukee shops in Savanna and retained this post until he was appointed postmaster of Savanna on June 1, 1934.



On August 24, 1901, Mr. Slater was married to Gertrude Shannon, and to them was born a son, Robert E., who is now a salesman for Barker Brothers store in Los Angeles. He married Dorothy Bristol and to them two children have been born, Robert A. and Betty Lou.

Mr. Slater has taken a real interest in educational affairs of his home community and was president of the Savannah school board from 1921 until 1929. His religious affiliation is with the Christian Church, and he was formerly a member of the Rotary Club. He belongs to Marion Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M. and the chapter at Savannah.

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### THOMAS RANSOM STRONG

One of the foremost restaurateurs of the state of Illinois is Thomas Ransom Strong, of the city of Springfield, a veteran in the restaurant business and now proprietor of a high-class, large and strictly up-to-date cafeteria, one of the most popular eating places in the community, as it well deserves to be.

Thomas R. Strong is a native of Girard, Illinois, where his birth occurred on the 13th of December, 1877. He is a son of Charles E. and Sarah E. (McKee) Strong. Charles E. Strong was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, and died in 1928. He was a millwright by trade. Thomas R. Strong's paternal grandfather was William H. Strong, who was a preacher of the gospel, an abolitionist, and came from eastern Kentucky to Illinois in an early day. Sarah E. Strong was born in Carlinville, Illinois, and passed away in 1909. Thomas R. Strong was one of six children born to his parents, three boys and three girls.

Mr. Strong's education was received in the public schools of Pittsfield, Illinois, and his first employment of serious nature was in the postoffice at that place. This was at the time when experimental free delivery of the mail was being made in the smaller towns, and he received an appointment January 1, 1894, from President Cleveland for this position in Pittsfield. He remained in this work until he was twenty years of age. In July, 1897, Mr. Strong came to Springfield, and here passed a civil service examination in 1899, after which he was in the service for one year. Soon after his arrival, however, he started his first restaurant at what is now 220 South Sixth street. It was called the Troy Restaurant and was owned jointly by Mr. Strong and his brother, Sidney. This was one of the best establishments of its kind in the city and was conducted quite successfully for four years. Mr. Strong disposed of the business in 1902, and for two or three years resided in St. Louis, Missouri. He returned to Springfield in 1905, and again entered the restaurant business. In 1918 he formed the company which took over the present location. He converted this into a cafeteria in 1920, at his present East Monroe street location. He employs about sixty-two people at this writing and has the modern facilities to care for any number of patrons. Mr. Strong also has a cafeteria at the State Fair Grounds, which is operated during fair week each year. As a restaurant man, Mr. Strong is inspired by one main thought, that is, to please the public and give the people who come to his place to dine the very highest quality of foods, cooked by expert chefs in most approved fashion. Never does he sacrifice the quality of his foods for the sake of profit, and he constantly studies his business, always seeking ways and means to better the service which he gives.

Mr. Strong's skill as a restaurant manager was put to patriotic use in 1917, after the United States had declared war against Germany. Springfield was a large mobilization point for men who were destined to go to training camps, and Mr. Strong was commissioned to supply them with food, which he did most efficiently.

On July 24, 1918, occurred the marriage of Mr. Strong and Syrena Adkisson of Nokomis, Illinois, and to their happy union there was born a daughter, Josephine, on October 30, 1919. She is now a student in high school in Springfield.





THOMAS R. STRONG



Mr. Strong was raised in Central Lodge, No. 71, Free and Accepted Masons, in 1916, and is now a past master. He belongs to all of the other Masonic bodies, including the Consistory and the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Redmen. His religious affiliation is with the First Christian Church, of which he was formerly a deacon. In civic affairs of Springfield, and in social circles, Mr. Strong has been a central figure, and through his generosity, his public spirit, and cooperation has won hosts of real friends. He has never sought the limelight of publicity, but has consistently observed the ethics of a true citizen.

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#### PAUL L. CHASE

Paul L. Chase, a widely known business man of Antioch, is a partner in the firm of Runyard & Chase, well drillers, and at the same time he is serving as a member of the state police, having been appointed to the position owing to the fact that he is a staunch democrat and thoroughly qualified for the work. He was born in Waukegan, Illinois, February 13, 1901, his parents being Willet and Helen Chase. The father has now departed this life, but the mother is still living.

Paul L. Chase acquired his education, after completing the work of the grades, in the Waukegan high school and then entered the navy in February, 1917, serving until July, 1919, covering the period of America's connection with the World war. He was on active duty on the U. S. S. Chicago. After receiving his discharge he became a well driller and the junior partner of Runyard & Chase of Antioch, being still interested in this business. His appointment to membership in the state police force came in February, 1933, and he has since served in this connection. He has been an active democrat since casting his first vote and he was precinct captain during the campaign of 1934. He is now president of the Antioch Township Democratic Club and a member of the Lake County Democratic Club.

In 1923 Mr. Chase was united in marriage to Miss Mary Runyard and they are the parents of two sons, William and Thomas. Mr. Chase belongs to the American Legion. He is well known in Lake county, where he has always lived and where by reason of his business reliability, his progressive citizenship and his personal worth he has gained many friends.

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#### CHARLES C. ARNOLD

Charles C. Arnold, an old-line democrat of East Peoria, Tazewell county, who is now serving as superintendent of the sanitary district, with offices at 217 East Washington street, East Peoria, was born in October, 1876, about a mile and a half from East Peoria, his parents being J. J. and Mary Ann (Allen) Arnold. The father was a Civil war veteran. The mother was a native of England and came to the United States with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Allen, who cast in their lot with the pioneer residents of Tazewell county. Their daughter, Mary, here gave her hand in marriage to J. J. Arnold, and to them were born the following: Samuel, Charles C., Clyde, Walter, Rory, Perry, Ralph and Mary.

Charles C. Arnold attended the country schools of Tazewell county and subsequently engaged in the hardware business, acting as clerk with a leading firm of East Peoria. He afterward established a grocery store, which he successfully conducted for nineteen years, and was then succeeded by his son in the business. He was always regarded as an enterprising and progressive merchant and his close application and unfaltering diligence brought him a substantial measure of prosperity. Mr. Arnold has published the East Side News for years and is the sole owner of the paper. He was postmaster of East Peoria for fourteen years.

In early manhood Mr. Arnold was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Leedy,

a native of Ohio and a daughter of Samuel Leedy, who was a Civil war veteran and a pioneer of Southern Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are the parents of five children, as follows: Chester, who served overseas in the World war, participating in the St. Mihiel drive and in the Argonne offensive; Russell, who is married and has three children, Robert, Betty and Mary Ann; Harold, who is a state highway policeman, and married Katherine Lange; Oakley; and Edith, who is the wife of William Graber. Chester Arnold, the oldest of the children, is married and has three sons, Chester, Lindy, and Charles.

Mr. Arnold is prominently known in fraternal circles, being a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a Red Man. In Masonry he has taken the various degrees of the lodge, chapter, council, commandery and consistory, so that he is now a Knight Templar and a thirty-second degree Mason. His political endorsement has always been given to the democratic party and he has held several local offices. As noted, he has been postmaster for fourteen years, also for eight years he was mayor of East Peoria, alderman for four years, and town clerk for a period. He is now filling the office of superintendent of the sanitary district in a most acceptable manner, his public work receiving the endorsement of all who are familiar with his record. He has spent the fifty-eight years of his life in central Illinois and is widely known, while his substantial traits of character have gained him warm friendship and high regard.

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#### ANTHONY F. SEISSER

Anthony F. Seisser, a member of the state police, residing at Grays Lake, was born in Kane county, Illinois, in 1890, a son of Anthony and Catherine Seisser, both of whom have now departed this life. The father was a democrat, greatly interested in the party and its success.

The public school system of Kane county afforded Anthony F. Seisser his educational opportunities and when his textbooks were put aside he took up the occupation of farming, to which he had been reared. Later he began learning the builder's trade and worked in that capacity following his removal to Grays Lake in 1916. He has thus been closely associated with the industrial activity of Lake county, for he continued to work as a builder until February, 1932, when he was appointed a member of the state police.

In 1916 Mr. Seisser was united in marriage to Miss Ann Erdman and they are the parents of three children, namely: Katherine, John Anthony and May Theresa.

Mr. Seisser has always been an active democrat and was a delegate to the 1934 state convention in Springfield. His wife is a member of the Illinois Emergency Relief staff. She has always been a very active democrat and is president of the Avon Township Democratic Club and a member of the Women's County Organization. Both Mr. and Mrs. Seisser belong to the Catholic Church. They are well known at Grays Lake, where they have many friends and where Mr. Seisser has made an excellent record as a business man and citizen.

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#### WALTER T. McCANNA

Walter T. McCanna, now postmaster of Chillicothe, Peoria county, has long been identified with public service, being a veteran employe of the Sanitary District of Chicago, his activities having extended over twenty years as a draftsman of the Sanitary District in its office in Chillicothe.

Mr. McCanna was born in Chicago, December 2, 1891, a son of John J. and Mary (McDonald) McCanna. The father was born in Lemont, Illinois, and the mother in County Sligo, Ireland. His parents were pioneers of Lemont and Bernard McCanna, the grandfather of Walter T. McCanna, served as a soldier in the Civil war with the Illinois troops. Neither the maternal grandfather, Enos McDonald, nor his wife ever came to the new world, passing away in Sligo, Ireland. John J. McCanna was in the employ of the N. K. Fairbanks Company



of Chicago for forty-two years, a record which plainly indicated the value of his service and his faithfulness to the interests which he represented. To him and his wife were born three sons: Walter T.; William, who is deceased; and John, who is a chemist.

Walter T. McCanna acquired a public school education in his native city and also attended a technical school there, pursuing a course in drafting. He then entered the service of the Sanitary District, with headquarters in the Chillicothe office, and his connection therewith covered two decades. Like his father, his long association with the office is the tangible evidence of his capability and his loyalty. He is also the president of the Peoples Building & Loan Association of Chillicothe.

In early manhood Mr. McCanna was united in marriage to Miss Ella Daugherty, daughter of James Daugherty and representative of an honored pioneer family of Chillicothe, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. McCanna are the parents of a daughter, Jane Ella, who is a student at Knox College of Galesburg, Illinois.

Mr. McCanna proudly cast his first presidential vote for Woodrow Wilson and has never wavered in his allegiance to the democratic party since that time. While he has never been an office seeker, his party has recognized his devotion to the cause and he well merited his appointment to the office of postmaster of Chillicothe, his commission being dated April 28, 1934. This appointment was highly satisfactory to his fellow townsmen, who recognize in him a high type of the faithful and progressive citizen. He is a member of The Illinois Association of Postmasters and also The National Association of Postmasters. In 1932 he served his party as group captain, having in his charge the campaign activities of three townships.

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#### FRED A. MYERS

Fred A. Myers, a member of the highway maintenance police, living at Stronghurst, is a native son of Henderson county, Illinois, having been born at Terre Haute, March 2, 1910. He is a representative of one of the oldest families of Indiana, being a grandson of William H. Myers, who was born in that state February 28, 1849, and who passed away in 1926. His wife was Susan Evans, who was born in Indiana in 1850 and died in 1923. It was about 1868 that William H. Myers removed from Indiana to Illinois, settling in Terre Haute, Henderson county, where he followed the blacksmith's trade for a period of twenty-nine years. About 1896 he quit the work of the smithy and turned his attention to farming in Terre Haute township, where his time was given to agricultural pursuits throughout his remaining days. He was a hard and tireless party worker in democratic ranks and did everything in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. He served for two terms in the state legislature during the '90s and he attended some of the state conventions. His life was guided by the principles of the Masonic fraternity, in which he long held membership.

Frank Myers, son of William H. Myers, was born in Terre Haute, Illinois, October 3, 1884, and was there reared, attending the public schools of that place. Since reaching the age of twenty-one years he has engaged in farming in Terre Haute township, his home being about a quarter of a mile east of the town of Terre Haute. He, too, has taken an active and helpful part in democratic affairs since old enough to become a factor in politics. He has served at intervals for the past sixteen years as precinct committeeman and he was appointed in 1932 a committeeman by the chairman of the Henderson county central committee. Again in April, 1934, he was elected precinct committeeman of Terre Haute township and in 1932 he was elected road commissioner of the township for a three years' term, being the present incumbent in the office. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Church, in the work of which he takes active part, serving at the present time on its board of trustees. On

the 17th of December, 1905, he married Vivian Edmunds, who was born near Terre Haute, January 29, 1883.

Their only child, Fred A. Myers, was a pupil in the public schools of Terre Haute until graduated from high school with the class of 1928. He was early trained to the work of the fields and he farmed with his father until appointed by Governor Horner to the office of highway maintenance police on the 8th of March, 1933, since which time he has been in the service, and in April of that year he established his home in Stronghurst.

On the 26th of December, 1931, Mr. Myers was united in marriage to Miss Mary Helen Brandt and they are the parents of a son, Ray. Mr. Myers belongs to the Methodist Church of Terre Haute and his life has been governed by high and honorable principles, making him a young man whom to know is to thoroughly respect. He represents one of the old families of Henderson county and bears a name that has ever been associated with progressive citizenship here.

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#### W. E. WILKINS

W. E. Wilkins, of Athens, a well known newspaper owner and editor, now publishing the Athens Free Press, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, in 1876, a son of J. H. and Martha E. (Miller) Wilkins. His parents were natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively, and both have now passed away. J. H. Wilkins was an active democrat in his home community and held local offices, serving as supervisor, as township assessor and in other positions of public trust. He followed farming as his life work.

W. E. Wilkins was educated in Ohio, pursuing the normal, commercial and collegiate courses in Mount Union College at Alliance, where he won the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Commercial Science. He then took up the study of law in the Southern Normal University of Tennessee and there was accorded the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In early manhood he taught school in both Ohio and Illinois, eventually becoming principal of the high school in Athens, this state. In 1906, however, he discontinued his pedagogic work and became editor of the Athens Free Press, which had been established in 1885. He has since conducted the paper, making it a strong and influential journal of this section of the state. Mr. Wilkins has also been more or less active in the legal profession and for two terms served as city attorney of Athens, while for the notable period of twenty-eight years he has been police magistrate. The democratic party has never failed to receive his unfaltering allegiance. For two terms he was secretary of the county central committee and through several other terms has served on the committee. He is now a candidate on the democratic ticket for the office of county judge. His interest in community welfare is manifest in many tangible ways and he has done effective work for the general good.

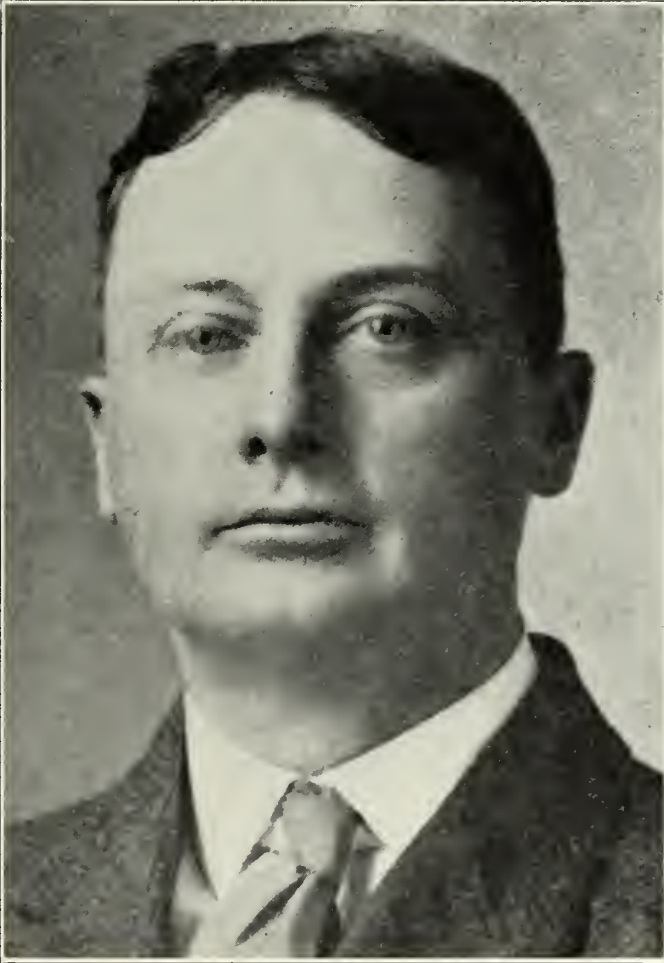
In 1914 Mr. Wilkins was married to Miss Mabel Chord, of Athens, and they are parents of three children: Elmer Lee, Louise and Mary. The family attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Wilkins holds membership, and any good work done in the name of charity or religion always receives his endorsement and support.

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#### CLAUDE VAN ARSDALE

The year 1934 brought to Claude Van Arsdale election as a member of the county central committee of Lake county. He makes his home in Highland Park, where he has lived since receiving his discharge from the navy after having enlisted for service in the World war. He was born in Kokomo, Indiana, February 14, 1900, a son of Charles and Minnie Van Arsdale, both of whom were natives of the Hoosier state, the mother's birth having also occurred in Kokomo. The father was a landscape gardener and for many years was employed on the state experimental farm in Texas.

When Claude Van Arsdale was a lad of nine years his parents removed with their family to Texas, where he attended public schools in the vicinity of



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Houston. During the World war he enlisted and was advanced to the rank of first-class machinist mate and was an aviation instructor at the Great Lakes. Following his discharge from the navy he established his home in Highland Park, where he entered the ice and coal business in association with his father-in-law. In 1928 he became proprietor of a filling station in Highland Park and has since continued in that business.

On the 25th of August, 1919, Mr. Van Arsdale was united in marriage to Miss Laura Siljestrom, daughter of Frank Siljestrom, who has been identified with the business interests of Highland Park as a dealer in ice, coal and building materials for a period covering four decades. Mr. and Mrs. Van Arsdale are the parents of a son and a daughter, Richard Frank and Patricia Louise.

Mr. Van Arsdale is a Royal Arch Mason and he belongs also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, serving at the present time as chairman of the board of trustees in the local lodge. His wife is active in club organizations. Mr. Van Arsdale was reared a democrat and became an active party worker, being elected a member of the county central committee in 1934. He is also a very earnest and helpful member of the American Legion and was made commander of the eighth district of the Illinois Veterans League. In 1929 he took flying instruction and now holds a private pilot's license, finding his greatest recreation in flying. He is a young man of enterprising spirit, thoroughly alert, and is making steady progress along the various lines of activity which claim his attention.

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### LEON L. LAMET

Leon L. Lamet, attorney at law, practicing in Warsaw, Hancock county, was born November 22, 1905, his parents being Louis and Aimee (Lemaire) Lamet. The father, who was born in Wilcox township, Hancock county, December 28, 1873, died May 29, 1929. The mother's birth occurred in Bear Creek township, Hancock county, Illinois, and for several years she was a teacher in the public schools of that county. Louis Lamet mastered the elementary branches of learning in the public schools of Wilcox township and afterward attended the Warsaw high school. His preparation for the bar was made in the University of Illinois, in which he completed his law course in 1901. He then located for practice in Carthage, Illinois, entering into partnership with Truman Plantz, the latter maintaining an office in Warsaw, while Mr. Lamet took care of the business of the firm in Carthage. After about a year, however, he removed to Warsaw and the firm of Plantz & Lamet was maintained until the death of the senior partner in 1927. Mr. Lamet then practiced alone until his own demise. He was an active factor in local political circles and served for two terms as mayor of Warsaw, elected on the democratic ticket. Every interest for the public welfare received his endorsement. For a quarter of a century he served as clerk of the school board and the cause of education found in him a stalwart friend. His firm looked after the legal affairs of the city of Warsaw for many years and Mr. Lamet was at all times the champion of every movement for the intellectual, social, political and moral progress of his city. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. To him and his wife were born two children: Leon L., of this review, and Helene, a teacher in the high school of Carthage, Illinois.

Leon L. Lamet attended the public schools of Warsaw until graduated from the high school in 1923. He then spent three and one-half years as a student in the College of Commerce of the University of Illinois, at the end of which time he transferred to the law department and was graduated with the LL. B. degree as a member of the class of 1931. The same year he was admitted to the bar, began practice at Warsaw and is recognized as one of the rising young attorneys of this section of the state. He became a member of the Phi Delta Phi,

a legal fraternity of his college, and he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. Following his admission to the bar he served as city attorney until 1933, when he was elected alderman. He also has membership in the young Democrat League of Hancock county. In 1934 he was elected a member of the Hancock County Democratic Committee as precinct committeeman from the first precinct in Warsaw township, and upon the organization of the committee was named its secretary and treasurer. At the time of the withdrawal of the candidacy of Judge Harold T. Garvey for the office of county judge, Mr. Lamet was named as the democratic candidate for the office and there is no question of his ability to handle the duties of that position to the credit of his party. His activities promise well for the future both along professional and political lines.

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#### PERCY R. PERRY

Among those who are active in maintaining high standards of service in the highway maintenance police department of Illinois is numbered Percy R. Perry, who is serving as a representative of the department, doing excellent work in that connection. He makes his home in Barry, Pike county, and was born one mile west of the city on the 28th of August, 1904, his parents being Clarence and Mattie (Tripplett) Perry. While spending his youthful days under the parental roof he attended the rural schools of Barry township and when not busy with his textbooks he worked on the home farm, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. In young manhood he began farming in earnest and so continued until 1930, when he took charge of the interests of the Pike County Produce Company at Barry, acting in that capacity until 1932. On the 5th of May, 1933, he was appointed a member of the highway maintenance police and has since served in that capacity.

On the 8th of May, 1929, Mr. Perry was united in marriage to Bertha Ellen Alexander. They are well known in this community, where Mr. Perry has spent his entire life. Since old enough to vote he has been active in democratic circles and is one of the staunch advocates of the principles of the party in Pike county.

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#### MRS. MARY B. McQUADE

Mrs. Mary B. McQuade, county superintendent of schools in Clinton County, makes her home in Carlyle and is recognized throughout this part of the state as one of its foremost educators. She took up the profession in early womanhood and has made marked progress in this field, ever seeking to reach the highest ideals in her teaching work.

Mrs. McQuade was born in Carmi, Illinois, April 3, 1884, and is a daughter of James Jackson and Sarah (Rankin) Brown. Her father was a coal miner. Her girlhood days were spent under the parental roof and at the usual age she entered the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until she became a pupil in the Carlyle high school, from which she was graduated with the class of 1901. After her graduation she obtained a teachers' certificate and began teaching in the local rural schools, following the profession for about four years or until 1905. On the 9th of April of that year she was united in marriage to George W. McQuade, a farmer and stock buyer, the wedding being celebrated in Beaver Prairie, Clinton county, Illinois. By a former marriage Mr. McQuade had a family of five children, namely: James, Lydia, George, Susan and Margaret. George W. and Mary (Brown) McQuade are the parents of four children, as follows: Jackson, John, Irma and Mary Helen, whose ages were nine, six, four and two years at the time of Mr. McQuade's death in 1914. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church.

Mrs. McQuade has always been a believer in the principles of the democratic party and has attended some of the county and state conventions. Following

the death of Earl Johnston, who was county superintendent of schools, she was appointed to that position to fill out the unexpired term of two years. She was then elected to the office in 1930 and is now a candidate for re-election on the democratic ticket. She has made an excellent record in the educational field, for her methods are most practical, while at the same time she is actuated by a spirit of progress that prompts her to utilize any new ideas which she believes will prove of real worth in her chosen life work. She is now president of the State Association of County Superintendents of Schools, having the honor of being the first woman ever elected to that office in Illinois. As such she is doing much to stimulate the efforts of others who are at the head of the county educational system and her labors are far-reaching and effective. She is not a college graduate, mostly because she has never found time in her arduous work of earning a living and rearing four little folks to a useful manhood and womanhood, lending a hand in every move for the good of her schools and party, to complete the college work, but she does hold a state supervisory certificate received by examination, which certifies to more than the equivalent of a college degree.

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#### CLYDE EVANS AUSTIN

Since attaining his majority Clyde Evans Austin has been an earnest supporter of democracy and has always kept in close touch with the trend of political thought and action.

Mr. Austin was born on a farm near Carmi, Illinois, February 8, 1892, and is a son of Elijah and Mary Jane (Upton) Austin. The rural schools provided him his early educational opportunities and he afterward attended the Southern Illinois State Teachers College at Carbondale and the Illinois State Normal School at Normal, Illinois, receiving his teacher's certificate in 1910. He then entered upon the active work of the profession and as a teacher displayed marked ability in parting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he had acquired. Mr. Austin had been engaged in the life insurance business for the ten years preceeding his appointment April 18, 1934, as manager of the Illinois State Employment Office, located at Harrisburg, Illinois.

On the 29th of October, 1912, in Carmi, Illinois, Mr. Austin was married to Miss Amy Grable. Their children are Mary Idaline and Helen Dean. Fraternally Mr. Austin is a Mason, having for several years been a faithful follower of the craft. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he has membership in the Church of Christ. His political endorsement has always been given the democratic party and he has been active in its support since early manhood, his position being based upon an intelligent understanding of its principles and of vital political problems before the country. He has never sought nor desired office as a reward for party fealty, preferring at all times to give his attention to his professional duties and interests.

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#### GROVE HARRISON

Grove Harrison, the well known and popular postmaster of Viola, Mereer county, was born in Malta, Ohio, June 2, 1876, his parents being Charles and Martha (Beswick) Harrison, the former still a resident of the Buckeye state. The mother, however, died when her son Grove was quite young. Our subject was educated in the schools of Ohio and remained a resident there until he attained his majority, when he removed to Viola, Illinois, where he has since lived. With the business and official interests of the town he has been closely and helpfully associated. He occupied the position of postmaster from 1916 until 1924, after which he engaged in the produce and hardware business until the 1st of June, 1933, when he again became acting postmaster, and on June 14, 1934, was appointed postmaster for the four years term. He is prompt and faithful in the discharge of his duties and has made an excellent record in



office. He was also further identified with commercial interests of the town as a grain buyer from 1912 until 1914. At all times he has found opportunity to give aid to the democratic party, being keenly interested in political questions. He has served for eight years as precinct committeeman and does all in his power to further the successes of democracy. In former years he was justice of the peace.

In 1903 Mr. Harrison was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Ferson, of Viola, Illinois, and they are the parents of two children, Clarence L. and Donovan G. Mrs. Harrison was very active in the Presbyterian Church for many years. Fraternally Mr. Harrison is connected with the Masons, is twice past master of Viola Lodge, No. 577, and exemplifies in his life the teachings and purposes of the craft. For more than a third of a century he has lived in Viola, where he is widely known and where he has many warm friends.

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### MRS. BEATRICE (SHORT) SPANDET

Mrs. Beatrice (Short) Spandet, who has been a very active worker in democratic circles in Livingston county and who has done effective service as county chairman of the women's organization, was born in Nevada, Illinois, May 13, 1893, a daughter of William Grant and Marietta (Gillet) Short. Her father was born in Lacon, Illinois, September 2, 1861, and her mother's birth occurred in Nevada township, Livingston county, May 3, 1867. The father is now engaged in the garage business in Dwight. To him and his wife were born five children: Leslie F., whose birth occurred in Dwight, May 26, 1888; William F., who was born February 9, 1891; Mrs. Beatrice Spandet, of this review; Edith, who was born January 29, 1900, and is the wife of Everett Harris, of Pontiac, Illinois; and Grace H., who was born December 6, 1904, and is the wife of Charles D. Mineks, of Beatrice, Nebraska.

Beatrice Short acquired her early education in the grade schools of Dwight and spent three years as a student in high school. She afterward took up book-keeping, which she followed in the employ of her father and also in a laundry operated by the Keeley Company. On the 4th of April, 1931, she was married to Jens H. Spandet. Mrs. Spandet's activities cover a wide range. In 1928 she became very active in the Al Smith campaign and did effective work for the party at that time. In 1930 she was appointed by Thomas Donovan as chairman of the women's organization of Livingston county and so continued until 1932. She was an earnest worker during the James Hamilton Lewis campaign for senator and was also active in support of Barrett. Her labors at that time were far reaching and she was recognized as a prime factor in increasing the public vote for the democratic candidates and in winning a democratic victory in her precinct, which had previously always gone republican. It was Mrs. Spandet who brought to the high school gymnasium in Dwight the largest democratic meeting that was ever assembled in the town. Through her connections as grand mistress of records and correspondence of the Pythian Sisters of Illinois she has been able to talk or write to her fellow members of the order in favor of democracy and in this way has been a great help in furthering party interests. The Pythian Sisters are the women's auxiliary of the Knights of Pythias and Mrs. Spandet also belongs to Dwight Camp No. 575 of the Royal Neighbors, of which she has served as recorder for seven and one-half years. On September 24th, 1934, after five years of continual service as grand mistress of records and correspondence, she was elected a member of the Past Grand Chiefs Association of Illinois and ranks as a Past Grand Chief. On September 26th, 1934, she was again re-elected as grand mistress of records and correspondence. She also attended the "Victory Banquet" given in Chicago in January at the Stevens Hotel prior to the primary of April, 1932. Mrs. Spandet is also connected with the women's auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Dwight and served as president thereof for two years. She has membership in Golden







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Key Temple No. 59 of Dwight, which is a subordinate temple of the grand temple, and she is now acting as grand mistress of records and correspondence of the Pythian Sisters of Illinois, as indicated above. She also belongs to the Past Chiefs Club of the Pythian Sisters and she is most widely and favorably known in the organization. She is also identified with the Philathea class of the Congregational Church of Dwight and she has membership in the Garden Club and in the Democratic Women's Club. She has been a newspaper correspondent for about twenty years, writing for the Bloomington Pantagraph, of Bloomington, the Joliet Herald-News of Joliet, the Streator Times-Press of Streator, and the Morris Herald of Morris, Illinois. This connection with the journalistic interests of the state has given her a wide acquaintance in the section of Illinois in which these papers are located, and believing firmly in the principles of democracy, she has utilized her opportunities to further the welfare of the party.

#### WILLIAM ANDREW SCHLOSSER

William Andrew Schlosser, of Lacon, who is serving as a state patrolman and who has devoted practically his entire life to farming and stock raising, was born in Hopewell township, Marshall county, Illinois, July 1, 1887. His father, Wimer Schlosser, who is still living at the advanced age of eighty-two years, was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1857. Making his way to Illinois, he settled in Hopewell township, Marshall county, where he has since resided. He has been a lifelong democrat and has served in several public offices of trust and responsibility. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Stadel, has passed away.

In his youthful days William A. Schlosser was a pupil in the public schools of Hopewell township and afterward attended high school at Henry, Illinois. He was reared to the occupation of farming, which he has made his life work. He early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops and as the years have passed he has carried on farming along progressive lines. At the same time he has also raised considerable stock and is well known for his success in both branches of the business.

On the 26th of January, 1910, in Peoria, Illinois, Mr. Schlosser was united in marriage to Clara May Tomlinson, of Henry, this state, who is a staunch supporter of the democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Schlosser are the parents of three children: Earl Elsworth, a young man of twenty-three years; William Ivan, who is twenty-one years of age; and Margaret Mary, aged nineteen.

Mr. Schlosser holds membership in the Methodist Church and its teachings have guided him in all the relations of life, making him a man whom to know is to esteem and honor. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party and he is the present precinct committeeman of Hopewell. On the 11th of February, 1933, he was appointed maintenance patrolman for the state and is now acting in that capacity. He has always preferred, however, to render public service as a private citizen and his aid and influence have always been given on the side of civic development and improvement.

#### HARRY COVERT

Harry Covert, head farmer at the Dixon State Hospital, was born in Sullivan county, New York, April 22, 1886, a son of Joseph and Caroline (Stanton) Covert, both of whom were natives of Orange county, New York. The father was born in 1864 and the mother in 1862. Joseph Covert removed to Dixon, Illinois, in 1903 and for twenty-five years was a stock buyer and dealer of Lee county. In politics he was a democrat and always worked consistently for his party. He died in 1930, while his wife survived until 1934.

Harry Covert attended the public schools of Sullivan county, New York, and was graduated from the high school in Monticello, that state, with the class of 1903. Since old enough to engage in business on his own account he has followed farming and in 1912 he removed to Cedar county, Nebraska, where

he carried on agricultural pursuits for fifteen years. During his residence there he was active in democratic politics and served for ten years as a member of the democratic central committee. In 1927 he returned to Lee county, Illinois, settling on a farm in Palmyra township. He owns two hundred and forty acres of rich land, which he carefully cultivates, and the excellent crops which he annually garners indicate his practical and progressive methods of tilling the soil.

On the 23d of January, 1908, Mr. Covert was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Haarhues and to them have been born nine children, namely: Evelyn, who completed the normal school course at the age of seventeen years and is a successful school teacher of Cedar county, Nebraska; Wilson, who is in the United States Navy and is now stationed at Long Beach, California; Lois; Dorothy; Willard; Lucile, who completed her grammar school course in 1934, being graduated with the highest grades in Lee county; Harold; Harry, Jr.; and Richard.

Fraternally Mr. Covert is a Mason and loyally follows the teachings and purposes of the craft. He has never seen occasion to change his political allegiance and in 1928 was elected precinct committeeman, to which position he was reelected in 1930 and again in 1932. While in Nebraska he served for fourteen years on the school board and for the past six years he has been a member of the school board of Wild Cat school in Palmyra township, Lee county. In March, 1933, he was appointed head farmer at the Dixon State Hospital and took charge in the following November, so that in this position he now manages about eleven hundred acres of land. His previous practical experience has well qualified him for the duties of the position, to which he brings to bear sound judgment and excellent business qualifications. Since he has become head farmer of the Dixon institution the farm has shown a substantial profit for the first time in many years.

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#### JAMES F. HORAN

James F. Horan, who is now acting postmaster of Antioch, Lake county, Illinois, has always been a loyal democrat and an active worker for the party in Antioch ever since he attained his majority.

Mr. Horan is a native of Evanston, Illinois, where his birth occurred July 26, 1897, and he is a son of John Patrick and Hannah (Casey) Horan. John Patrick Horan was born in Lake county, Illinois, and was a son of John Horan, who came from Ireland and settled in Lake county in the very early days. From this county he enlisted in the Union army and served through the entire Civil war. He was a carpenter by trade. Hannah (Casey) Horan, mother of James F., was born in the state of Minnesota.

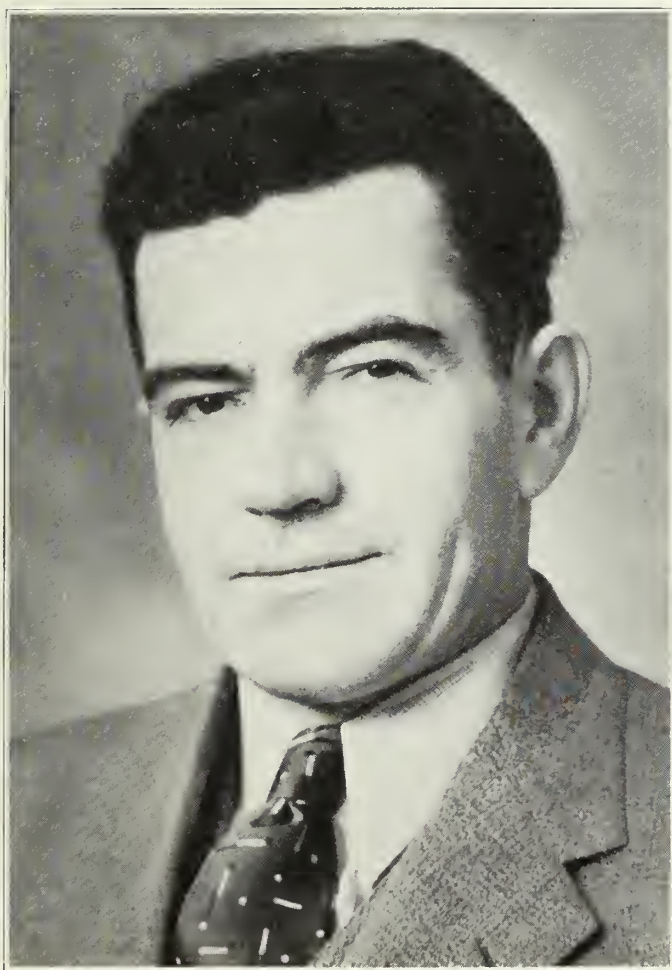
James F. Horan was reared in Antioch and in this community received his education in the public schools. For nine years he was employed by the Soo Line Railroad in the station of Antioch. He left the railroad in 1924, and for several years was in western United States, but in 1928 he returned to Antioch and started in the trucking business. This occupation he continued until his appointment in February, 1934, as acting postmaster of Antioch.

Mr. Horan, as noted, is one of Lake county's most dependable and loyal democrats. He served four years as constable of Antioch township. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

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#### ARCHIE DOUGHERTY

Archie Dougherty, residing at 219 Second street, Libertyville, is serving as highway patrolman, having occupied the position for almost two years. He came to Illinois from Michigan, in which state he was born May 7, 1878, a son of William and Mary Dougherty, who always remained in Michigan. While spending his youthful days under the parental roof Archie Dougherty pursued his education in the schools of his native state and in 1901, when a young man of



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twenty-three years, he came to Illinois. He has spent most of the time since that date in Lake county and here he followed the carpenter's trade for sixteen years, doing active work in that field. He was also a member of the Carpenters Union.

Mr. Dougherty has ever been an active supporter of democracy since he proudly marched to the ballot box for the first time and he has worked consistently for party interests. His loyalty thereto found recognition in his appointment to the office of highway maintenance patrolman in February, 1933, and his record in that position has been a creditable one.

Mr. Dougherty was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Farrell and they are the parents of three children, namely: Margaret, Mary and James. The family attends the Catholic Church, of which Mr. Dougherty is a communicant. He belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters and also to the Modern Woodmen of America and in these finds expression for his social qualities. He has various admirable characteristics which have won him the regard and goodwill of his fellowmen.

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### CATHERINE PRICE AULD

Catherine Price Auld, who has been, and is, very active in promoting women's organizations in democratic circles, and who has supported the principles of democracy at all times, and whose home is situated in Shelbyville, Illinois, was born near Sadorus, Champaign county, Illinois, March 22, 1884. She is the daughter of William M. and Emily (O'Brien) Price, the former a native of Carrollton, Ohio, the latter of Champaign county, Illinois, where their marriage was celebrated February 14, 1883.

The maternal grandmother of Mrs. Auld, Mrs. Catherine Rock O'Brien, wife of Johnson O'Brien, was born near Hagerstown, Maryland, December 6, 1827, the daughter of William and Naney (Beavers) Rock, and came with her parents to Champaign county in 1832, settling on a farm near what is now Sadorus. William Rock became one of the largest land owners of Champaign county. The records of Mrs. Auld's maternal family reach back into the early history of the American colonies. It is a notable fact that each war in defense of the country has had a volunteer representative of this old family. In tracing the ancestry of this family back through many generations in Virginia, Maryland and Kentucky, one finds all professions and industries represented. The ancestry of Johnson O'Brien, maternal grandfather of Mrs. Auld, dates back to that period in Ireland's history before national records were kept. We do find records of 815 A. D. mentioning members of the O'Brien family as Kings, Lords, Barons and Princes. Brian Born, king of all Ireland, King Turlogh, King Donald O'Brien, with their descendants, ruled Ireland and the various counties therein for several centuries. The name of O'Brien has several spellings according to military and civil records, O'Bryan, O'Brian, O'Brient, O'Bryant, Bryan, and Bryant are some of the variations. Johnson O'Brien was born in Ohio, came to Illinois during pioneer days and first established a home near Tuseola, Douglas county, later going to Champaign county, where he died in 1868. Emily O'Brien, the mother of Mrs. Auld, was born near Sadorus, Champaign county, March 29, 1860, married William M. Price, a native of Carroll county, Ohio, who came to Illinois during the year 1859. Mr. Price, with his parents, settled first in Edgar county, and later in Champaign. William M. Price was born May 8, 1853, the son of James Parker Price and Agness Ayers Price, and was one of seven children, the others having been Reed, Matson, James, David, Wood and Sarah Jane. The Ayers family settled in Connecticut in 1640.

William M. Price and his wife, Emily W. (O'Brien) Price, became the parents of three children: Catherine, born March 22, 1884; Parker Johnson, born April 21, 1886; and John O'Brien, born June 19, 1889. Catherine Price spent her girlhood under the parental roof save for periods when away at school, and

was married on January 1, 1908 at Maplehurst Farm, Shelby county, to Frank Parkinson Auld, son of William Howard and Phoebe (Parkinson) Auld, whose family numbered two sons, Wiley and Frank, and four daughters, Elizabeth, Emma, Clara and Grace, with two older half brothers, John and Brown Auld. Mrs. Auld's mother passed away June 27, 1925, and her father William P. Price, December 21, 1932. Both are buried in the Rock cemetery, a family burying-ground established in 1838 by William and Nancy Rock in Sadorus township, Champaign county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Auld are the parents of two children, William Price Auld, born February 24, 1910, and Isabelle Catherine, born June 1, 1913.

Frank P. Auld began the practice of medicine in Shelbyville, Illinois, in 1905 following his graduation from medical school. He and his wife occupy the Auld family home in which Dr. Auld was born July 8, 1875, and are prominent in the social and civic life of their city. The doctor was in active service during the Spanish-American war, serving in Cuba, also saw European service during the World war as regimental surgeon of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Illinois Infantry, with the rank of major, until November 11, 1918. He then served in base hospitals until returned to the United States in charge of a convoy of wounded in 1919. After this time he was retained as epidermiologist at various post war and regular army camps. Dr. Auld was a member of the Illinois National Guard from 1909 until the entrance of the United States in the World war, at which time he was mustered in for active duty, as noted above. Upon his return to civil life in 1921, after four and one-half years of army service on the Mexican border, in the World war and in post war activities in camp and hospital, Governor Dunne conferred upon him an appointment of responsibility in the Department of Public Health in Illinois. He filled this position until 1932.

Mrs. Auld became interested in politics when very young and has been active in party affairs since 1916, during which campaign she assisted Mrs. O. W. Walker of Shelbyville, the first county chairman of women's political activities in Shelby county, and for twelve years she held the chairmanship, to effect the first organization of democratic women in Shelby county. That organization was so successful that Mr. I. B. Craig, democratic chairman of the State Central Committee, and Mrs. Howard Wilson, state chairman of the democratic women's activities sent to Shelby county for the outlined plan of organization. Mrs. Auld had a large part in the organization work of that time and was also one of the democratic party speakers. In 1920 she again worked out many of the details of organization and was platform speaker supporting democratic principles and candidates. In 1921 Mrs. Auld was asked to lend aid in the Fortieth Judicial District campaign, supporting F. R. Dove in his candidacy for circuit judge for that district. She again helped with organization and from the speaker's platform. Mrs. Auld was sent as a delegate by the democratic organization to the judicial convention of 1921, which met in Hillsboro, Illinois.

Mrs. Auld's experience during those years taught her that the need was great for a more effective organization for women in not only one county in Illinois, but in most of the counties in the several states of the union. During her first work in 1916 she conceived the idea of a state organization affiliating all of the county organizations therein. That idea was crystallized in 1932 and to that end Mrs. Auld has worked developing plans laid during the 1920 campaign and those plans became an effective force in forming the organization of "Illinois Democratic Woman's League of County Organizations", which was completed during the autumn of 1933. The plan, with its unlimited vision of future strength for democracy, is entirely Mrs. Auld's and, recognizing the true force of organization followed by concentrated effort in the accomplishment of a purpose, she has and is giving of time and effort to help keep democratic principles in the forefront of national affairs. Mrs. Auld was the first precinct committeewoman

to receive that appointment in her home precinct. She has also served her party as speaker on political issues since 1916. Her interest in every civic organization is well known and she holds membership in most and has served her committee as an official in many ways. Her work has been broad and deep and her interest in humanity unlimited. Mrs. Auld has been instrumental in organizing the Daughters of the American Revolution chapter; the Red Cross branches; the Tuberculosis Associations; the Girl's Clubs; the Garden Clubs; the Child Conferences; Clinics; Campfire Girls; Wartime work; and Public Health work for Shelby county in 1920. She has worked for the Preventorium for Undernourished Children, and has been councilor and first aid director in the Girls' Camp for two years. She has been investigator for the Red Cross, and holds an honorable discharge from the Council of National Defense for work done during the World war. She is at present a member of the following organizations: State Health-Council and Committee; State Tuberculosis Association of Illinois; State Woman's League of Democratic organizations; State Speakers' Bureau of the Democratic Party; Shelby County Tuberculosis Association; County Red Cross; County Country Club; Shelby County Democratic Women's Club; Shelbyville Woman's Club; Shelbyville Garden Club; Shelbyville Reading Circles; Shelbyville Daughters of the American Revolution; Shelbyville Order of the Eastern Star; National Daughters of 1812. Among the boards, past and present, on which she has served and is serving are the following: board of local hospital; board of Woman's Club; board and vice chairman of the Red Cross; board and secretary of the Parent Teachers' Association; board and regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution; board and regent of the Sunday School; board and regent of the Country Club (being the only woman ever to serve); board and secretary of the Tuberculosis Association; board and secretary of Education; board and secretary of Lithia Springs; board of the Educational Association; board of the local hospital; board of the 19th District Woman's Club; board of the Illinois Democratic Women's Clubs. She has been speaker for the 19th District Woman's Club, for the 19th District Parent Teachers' Association; and for the democratic party over the state. She is secretary of the Illinois Tuberculosis Association.

#### PAUL M. VERSLUIS

Paul M. Vershuis, of East Moline, who is serving as supervisor of highways, was born in Belgium, March 13, 1899, his parents being Alfred and Erna (Lacounta) Vershuis, both of whom were natives of Belgium, whence they came with their family to America in 1903. Traveling westward, they established their home in Moline, Illinois, where Alfred Vershuis was employed in the Moline Wagon Shop for about twenty years, while later he was with the Moline Plow Company. In politics he was a democrat from the time he gained his American citizenship.

After pursuing his education in the public schools of Moline, Paul M. Vershuis worked at various jobs through a period of eight years and in 1925 started out independently as a dealer in building materials in East Moline, becoming a partner in the firm of Vershuis Brothers. This association was maintained for some time, but for the past five years Paul M. Vershuis has been the sole owner of the business, which under his direction has steadily grown in volume and importance. He thoroughly understands every phase of the trade and by reliable methods has built up a business of very gratifying proportions.

In 1923 Mr. Vershuis was united in marriage to Miss Edna Hart, of Moline, and to them have been born two children, Barbara Jean and Lawrence Edward, but the latter has passed away. Mrs. Vershuis' people, as well as her husband's, were active democrats. Mr. Vershuis has always supported the party and is now chairman of the board of grounds and improvements of parks in East Moline, having occupied the position for four or five years, even under a republican administration. His chief political work has been done in the third ward of East



Moline and on the 7th of February, 1933, he became supervisor of the state highways. Mr. Vershuis and his family are connected with St. Ann's Catholic Church and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Turners and the Eagles. Practically his entire life has been spent in this locality and he has always been appreciative of the opportunities here offered, by the improvement of which he has made steady advancement in a business way.

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### LOUIS O. SEMLOW

Louis O. Semlow, a member of the board of fire and police commissioners of Peoria, has rendered a valued service to the public in this connection, while in business circles he has made for himself an enviable place as manager of the Lehman building, one of the fine office structures of the city. He was born in Peoria, Illinois, February 3, 1886, his parents being Ernest and Emma (Neuer) Semlow, the latter also a native of this city. The father was a native of Germany and in 1857 came to the United States with his parents, who made their way direct to Peoria, where Ernest Semlow engaged in carpentering. The paternal grandfather of Louis O. Semlow engaged in the merchandising business in Peoria in the early days and thus the family has been closely associated with the city and its welfare for many years.

Louis O. Semlow, who was one of a family of ten children, attended the public schools of Peoria and for many years was active in the retail liquor business in the city. For several years, as a young man, he was a baseball player and covered first base in amateur and semi-professional games. In 1924 he was chosen manager of the splendid Lehman building in the heart of Peoria and has since devoted his attention to the duties and responsibilities that devolve upon him in this connection. He has given proof of his executive ability in directing the interests which he represents and has gained for himself a creditable position in business circles.

In early manhood Mr. Semlow was united in marriage to Miss Anna Rossman, a native of Peoria, and they are the parents of four children, as follows: Donald, Emma and Phyllis, all of whom are attending the Bradley Polytechnic Institute in Peoria; and Mary Catherine, who is a grade school pupil. The son, Donald Semlow, was in the aviation service at the Great Lakes for about two and one-half years and is now a transport pilot. The family are communicants of the Catholic Church and Mr. Semlow is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and past commander of the Alhambra Council. He has always voted with the democratic party, and while he has never sought or desired office as a reward for party fealty, he has ever been loyal to the principles which he advocates and he was called upon for public office in his appointment by Mayor O'Brien as a member of the board of fire and police commissioners. In this connection he closely studies the best interests of the city and is doing an efficient work for the municipality. Mr. Semlow, together with Mayor O'Brien and Chief of Police Williams, fathered the idea of police radio cars. They were able to provide complete equipment for the cars, eleven in all, and they also purchased machine guns, tear gas bombs and all other necessary appurtenances. The fund for this purpose was raised by voluntary subscriptions from business men and other interested citizens, without any assessment on the taxpayer, and so far as is known Peoria is the only city in the country to have carried forward such a project in a similar manner and on a similar scale. The police autos are all equipped with a two-way radio system, which makes communication possible between cars and the police stations. Peoria was the third city in the United States to install a system of police radio cars, and as yet only a very few cities in the country can boast this modern equipment for the protection of the public.





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## IRVIN MELVIN LEWIS

Among the public officials of Walnut, Illinois, is Irvin Melvin Lewis, who is serving as postmaster. Illinois numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Carroll county, July 28, 1888. His father, Norman Lewis, was a grain dealer for many years, and during the Civil war he served as a captain of the Ninety-second Illinois Infantry. He has passed away, but the mother, Mrs. Alice Lewis, is still living.

Irvin M. Lewis is indebted to the public school system of his home locality for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. In early life he learned the trade of horseshoeing and followed it for many years. In 1910 he became a resident of Walnut and here entered the insurance business in 1926, following it until he became postmaster. His family, however, is still actively engaged in carrying on the insurance agency.

On the 29th of April, 1918, Mr. Lewis entered the military service of his country and received his honorable discharge June 24, 1919, after having engaged in active duty as a member of Company B, Three Hundred and Fifteenth Engineers of the Ninetieth Division. He was in France for one hundred and two days and for seventy-five days of that period was at the front. He served as a corporal and was at all times most faithful to the duties that devolved upon him. He belongs to the American Legion, which he joined as a charter member, and three times he has served as commander of the local post.

In August, 1919, Mr. Lewis was united in marriage to Miss Ramona Livey and they are the parents of three children, Ned, Ervene and Jane. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mr. Lewis is likewise connected with the Masonic lodge, being loyal to the teachings of both organizations. As a stalwart advocate of democracy he has been called to serve as a member of the fact finding committee of his party and for many years has been precinct committeeman, acting in this capacity when there were only two democrats in the precinct, while today nearly three hundred democratic votes are registered at election. He has always been an active party worker, even when he had to face the music alone. He has served in township offices and on the 12th of May, 1933, he became postmaster of Walnut. In 1932 Mr. Lewis was a candidate in the primary for the post of congressman and lost by only four hundred and ninety-nine votes in the sixth county district. The largest democratic gathering ever held in Princeton was due in great measure to his efforts. His work and publicity filled the city to hear the address of Scott Lucas, and his efforts on other occasions have done much to influence public thought and action in behalf of democracy.

## THOMAS M. HAND

Since May 1, 1933, Thomas M. Hand of Thomson, Carroll county, Illinois, has been investigator for the department of conservation and is known as one of the most tireless workers for the democratic party in this section of the state. Mr. Hand was born in Clinton county, Iowa, September 17, 1899, and is a son of Andrew A. and Catherine (Farrell) Hand. The father was born in Clinton county, Iowa, in 1853 and died in 1918. He farmed there during his life and was always an active worker in the interests of the democratic party. Catherine (Farrell) Hand was likewise a native of Clinton county.

Thomas M. Hand was a student in the public schools of Clinton county, and in the Clinton high school for two years, after which, for two years, he attended St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa. In the latter part of 1924, Mr. Hand came to Carroll county and has been a resident of Thomson ever since. Since he reached voting age, he has been a supporter of the democratic party. For several years he traveled as a salesman for Murphy's Produce Company of Burlington, Wisconsin, and as noted above, was appointed investigator for the department

of conservation on May 1, 1933. His ability and fitness for the office which he occupies have been amply demonstrated since he became the incumbent.

On November 25, 1924, Mr. Hand was married to Miss Helen Sheridan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Sheridan of Thomson, and to them have been born two children, Thomas M. Jr. and Rosalie M. Mr. Hand is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church.

#### FRED H. ALTEMEIER

Fred H. Altemeier, of Galena, who is a deputy bank receiver, was born at Freeport, Illinois, December 4, 1885, and is of German lineage, his parents being August H. and Elizabeth (Rach) Altemeier, who were natives of Germany. The father came to the United States in 1851 and established his home in Freeport, Illinois, where he spent his remaining days. He was always a staunch democrat from the time he became a naturalized citizen and he took an active interest in the party work.

Fred H. Altemeier attended the public schools of Freeport and for two years was a high school pupil. He then started out to provide for his own support and in 1911 obtained a position in the office of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, remaining there until 1922, his long connection therewith indicating his value to the corporation. In the latter year he entered the State Bank of Freeport as assistant cashier and in 1923 was advanced to the position of cashier of the Guarantee Trust & Savings Bank of Freeport, with which he was associated until 1933, when he resigned to accept his present position as deputy receiver for nine state banks of Jo Daviess county which had been closed. He was appointed August 15, 1933, and has since served. His previous banking experience has been of great value to him in his present office and he is rendering a service of great benefit to the financial interests represented.

On the 5th of September, 1922, Mr. Altemeier was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Shannon. He still makes his home in Freeport but maintains his business headquarters in Galena.

As a democrat Mr. Altemeier has been active in the political interests of Stephenson county since casting his first vote and in 1930 he was elected a senatorial committeeman, to which position he was reelected in 1932. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

#### KENNETH E. CRAIG

Kenneth E. Craig, who makes his home at Dallas City, Hancock county, Illinois, and is now serving as bookkeeper at the Illinois State Farm at Vandalia, Fayette county, was born in Hamden, Ohio, March 10, 1898, a son of Hiram and Ora (Monahan) Craig. His grandfather in the maternal line was a prominent citizen of the Buckeye state, serving as a member of the Ohio state legislature from 1884 until 1888. He was also a soldier of the Civil war, joining the boys in blue and going with Sherman on the memorable march from Atlanta to the sea.

With the removal of the family to Colusa, Hancock county, Illinois, Kenneth E. Craig became a high school pupil there and was graduated with the class of 1915. In 1933 he completed a course at the LaSalle Extension University. Soon after leaving high school he found employment as manager with a lumber firm in Dallas City and there remained for three years. He subsequently engaged in farming, continuing active in agricultural pursuits for a decade. He resumed his accountancy work, however, when appointed bookkeeper at the Illinois State Farm at Vandalia on the 27th of July, 1933.

In Dallas City, Illinois, on the 2d of August, 1922, Mr. Craig was united in marriage to Miss Bernice M. Byers and they are the parents of three children: Mary Blanche, Earl Cree and Berneice Marguerite.

Mr. Craig has always voted with the democratic party and has attended some of its county conventions. His political activity, however, has been a matter of



principle with him rather than of office seeking and it is well known that his support can be counted upon to further any plan or measure for the public good. Fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason, having taken the degrees of both the blue lodge and the chapter. He enjoys in highest measure the respect and goodwill of his brethren of this fraternity, for he is always faithful to the teachings of the craft.

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#### RAY H. SEHNERT

Ray H. Sehnert, a member of the highway police and a resident of Rock Island, was born December 12, 1900, in the city which is still his home, his parents being August F. and Matilda Sehnert, both of whom have departed this life. They, too, were natives of Rock Island, where they always resided, and the father devoted his early manhood to blacksmithing, while later he engaged in the saloon business.

Ray H. Sehnert acquired his education in the public schools, completing the work of various grades until he became a high school pupil. After his textbooks were put aside he worked for the Velie Company for eight years and on the expiration of that period entered the employ of the Rock Island Plow Company, becoming head timekeeper. He was associated with that organization until March 8, 1933, when he became highway maintenance police.

On the 23d of July, 1926, Mr. Sehnert was united in marriage to Miss Marie Duerineks, of Michigan, and they make their home in Rock Island. Mr. Sehnert belongs to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to the Illinois Police Association and to the Policemen's & Firemen's Insurance Association. He has been an active democrat for a number of years, working earnestly for the party with firm belief in its principles.

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#### JAMES J. SHERIDAN

Holding the unusual record as having served as supervisor of York township, Carroll county, since 1915, James J. Sheridan of Thomson is one of the outstanding democrats of his section of the state, and to indicate further his standing in the ranks of the democratic party it may be added that he was elected chairman for five consecutive years.

James J. Sheridan is a native of Thomson, Illinois, his birth having occurred here on the 3d of July, 1871, and he is a son of Patrick and Mary (Flannigan) Sheridan, biographical data of whom is presented in the sketch of Andrew E. Sheridan on another page of this work. In the public schools of Thomson, Mr. Sheridan acquired his early education and later attended the Davenport Business College in Davenport, Iowa. For three years thereafter, he taught school in Carroll county, and then took up farming. He was very successful in this undertaking and continued until 1925, in which year he took up his residence in Thomson.

James J. Sheridan has been a steadfast democrat all of his life, devoted to the interests of the party. On August 25, 1915, he was appointed supervisor of York township to succeed Smith J. Holland and has served continuously since, his first election having been in April, 1916. For five consecutive years, as noted above, he was elected chairman. For many years he was the only democrat member of the county board and is now chairman of the highway committee of the county board. He was appointed by Governor Horner a member of the Carroll county debt conciliation committee. For the last seven years he has been a member of the board of review of Carroll county. He was a member of both the relief employment committee and the emergency relief committee for Carroll county, and he is now a director in the Carroll County Mutual Insurance Company.

On January 16, 1900, Mr. Sheridan was united in marriage to Miss Josephine

Kilday, a native of Whiteside county, Illinois, and to their happy union there have been born two children, namely: Helen, who is married to Thomas M. Hand, a biography of whom appears elsewhere in this publication; and Irene.

Mr. Sheridan's religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church. He is known as a man of unquestionable integrity and of fine public spirit.

#### MRS. MARIE (WHALEN) REECE

Mrs. Marie (Whalen) Reece, of Newman, who is now county chairman of the democratic party in Douglas county, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, May 10, 1901, a daughter of Edward F. and Margaret Alice (Guerin) Whalen, the latter also a native of St. Louis. The father was born in Brooklyn, New York, but became a resident of St. Louis in the late '80s, there engaging in business as a glass worker. In 1909 he removed with his family to Terre Haute, Indiana, where he was employed as an auto parts salesman until his appointment in 1929 to a position on the park board division by Mayor Posey, in which capacity he is now serving. He has always been a staunch and active democrat who has worked hard for the success of the party ticket.

Marie Whalen obtained her education in St. Joseph's parochial school and in St. Joseph's Academy of Terre Haute, Indiana, while later she attended the Wabash Commercial School of that city. She had charge of the Christmas Savings department of the First National Bank of Terre Haute, Indiana, there being employed until 1924. Since reaching her majority she has been an active democrat worker and in 1934 she was appointed committeewoman of Precinct No. 2 of Newman township and was appointed county chairwoman by the chairman of the Douglas county democratic central committee. She has always labored consistently for the support of the entire party ticket.

On June 29, 1923, Miss Whalen became the wife of Harry L. Reece, who was born at Newberry, Indiana, May 15, 1899, his parents being John C. and Minerva Esther (Griffith) Reece, also natives of the Hoosier state. His father was a traveling salesman, and the mother was a daughter of Dr. L. C. Griffith, who was born in Bloomington, Indiana, and practiced medicine in Clay county, that state, for many years. He was a democrat in his political views and an earnest party worker who made many campaign speeches in the early days in Indiana. Mr. Reece received his education in Vincennes, Indiana, after which he was connected with the Southern Railroad in that state for five years. He has since represented Hulman & Company, wholesale grocers of Mattoon, Illinois, for whom he sells in several counties of the state. Democracy has always received his earnest endorsement and he has never seen occasion to alter his allegiance in any way. Mr. and Mrs. Reece have become parents of one child, Margie Ann, who was born March 10, 1925. They attend St. Michael's Catholic Church and Mrs. Reece is a member of the Jeffersonian Club. She has excellent powers of organization and her efforts in behalf of the party have been far-reaching and effective, her work producing substantial results.

#### WILLIAM M. DEMPSTER

For eight years William M. Dempster has been actively engaged in merchandising in Cora, where he is also filling the position of postmaster at the present writing, a fact indicative of his support of democracy. A native of Illinois, he was born in Jackson county, May 21, 1888, his parents being Miles and Delilah (Birge) Dempster. The father was a democratic committeeman in Jackson county in 1900 and served for several terms as township supervisor. In fact he has been very active in local political circles and has given unwavering support to the principles of his party.

William M. Dempster attended the public schools up to and including the eighth grade. He was afterward employed along various lines until 1920, when he took up the occupation of farming, which he carried on for about six years. He then turned his attention to merchandising by opening a store in Cora in 1926



MRS. MARIE WHALEN REECE





and since that time he has been successfully conducting the business. He carries a well selected line of goods and by reason of his enterprising methods, close application and unfaltering industry, combined with fairness and honesty in all business transactions, he has built up a good trade.

On the 18th of February, 1910, in Degonia, Illinois, Mr. Dempster was united in marriage to Miss Florence Clendenin and they are the parents of two children, Charles M. and Ruth. The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian Church, of which they are loyal adherents. Mr. Dempster has been equally faithful in his support of the democratic party because he feels that its strong elements are vital forces in good government. He is now serving as committeeman in his precinct and he formerly filled the office of supervisor and of justice of the peace. On the 10th of October, 1933, he was appointed postmaster at Cora—an appointment that came in recognition of his faithful support of the party organization.

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### GEORGE W. LACKEY

George W. Lackey, eminent attorney of Lawrenceville, Illinois, and one of the most respected citizens of Lawrence county, has for many years been a strong figure in Illinois Democracy. In the councils of his party, in conventions, and on the stump in many campaigns he has wielded a potent influence toward its success, and he is today one of the outstanding adherents of Jeffersonian principles in his section of the state.

Mr. Lackey is a native of Lawrence county, born November 5, 1863, a son of James and Susan (Seitzinger) Lackey, both of whom were likewise born in Lawrence county. The first of the family in the territory now comprised in Lawrence county was Adam Lackey, grandfather of George W., who came from Virginia in 1812 and settled at Russellville, where he entered land from the government. He was a veteran of the Revolutionary war, and was a farmer all of his days. His son, James, was likewise a farmer, and both of them were rock-ribbed democrats. James held several township offices and served on democratic committees for several years. He died August 5, 1914. Susan S. Lackey, mother of George W., was born in Lawrence county, her family having come here from Pennsylvania in the early '50s. Her demise occurred in 1876.

George W. Lackey worked hard to acquire his education and his subsequent success may truthfully be said to have been built on the foundation which he laid with determination, energy and good judgment. A small log schoolhouse was the place where he first attended classes. This was his native township. In 1882 he entered the State Normal in Danville, Illinois, and studied there for two years. In 1886 he became a student at the Central Normal College, in Danville, Indiana, and there he remained four years, graduating in 1890. During this period of preparation, however, he engaged in teaching, and in 1888-89 he was principal of the Lawrenceville public schools and in 1890 became county superintendent of schools. He was the incumbent of the latter office for four years, and during the same four year interval he studied law under the preceptorship of Judge F. C. Meserve. Diligent in his work and studies, firmly resolved to win success in law, Mr. Lackey naturally made rapid progress toward his goal and in January, 1897, was admitted to the bar of Illinois. He has practiced his profession in Lawrenceville ever since, a period of nearly four decades of brilliant and well-deserved success. He has conducted numerous cases of prime importance and his name has been identified with an imposing array of litigation during those years. Beginning in 1900, he served four years as state's attorney.

As a young man, Mr. Lackey found interest in and contact with the democratic party and its policies and he became a thorough believer in its superiority. Even before he was a voter he manifested exceptional activity in political affairs, and during the succeeding years has been associated with every movement, state

wide or otherwise, that has had for its purpose the advancement of the democratic cause. He took part in the Bryan campaign of 1896, and for thirty years has attended every state, congressional, judicial, and circuit democratic convention. At numerous other times he has stumped in Lawrence and other southern Illinois counties for the support of the whole ticket. He is a member of the Jeffersonian Club.

In 1891 Mr. Lackey was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Whitenack, who was born in Lawrence county, Illinois, and is a graduate of the Central Normal School of Danville, Indiana. Democratic politics is also a subject of live interest to Mrs. Lackey and she shares with her husband a prominent place in the party ranks. For several terms she has been chairman of the women's democratic organization of the twenty-third congressional district and has been a delegate to several conventions. She is a member of the Jeffersonian Club. Mr. and Mrs. Lackey have become the parents of four children: Ruth, the eldest, attended school in Lexington, Kentucky, and is now the wife of Roy L. Grett of Blufffield, West Virginia; Kate, second in order of birth, graduated from the University of Illinois, and is the wife of William Hinkey of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Alice, also a graduate of the University of Illinois, is married and lives in Mt. Carmel, Illinois; and George A., who received his diploma from the University of Illinois, is now principal of the high school in Alton, Illinois, and is studying law, thus following the example of his father.

Mr. Lackey is a thirty-second degree member of the Masonic fraternity; belongs to the Mystic Shrine and Knights Templar, also is past master of his blue lodge. In line with his profession, he is a member of the Lawrence County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Mr. Lackey holds an excellent conception of his duties as a citizen, and he has consistently endeavored to put into effect his ideas in this respect, with the result that he commands the general admiration and respect of his fellows.

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### FRANK W. SCHAFER

Frank W. Schafer, a representative of the highway patrol of Illinois, makes his home near Port Byron. He was born on the farm where he still lives in Zuma township, Rock Island county, in 1887, his parents being Matthew and Sarah Schafer, who settled upon this farm when they were first married. They were long valued and respected citizens of the community, but both have now passed away. Matthew Schafer devoted his entire life to the occupation of farming. He was also an active democrat and he filled the office of township supervisor and that of justice of the peace. His brother Charles was precinct committeeman for many years and the family were always known as loyal supporters of democracy.

Frank W. Schafer was educated in the rural schools of his home community and in Port Byron Academy. Aside from two years which he devoted to the conduct of the Watertown livery he has always been a farmer, living upon and cultivating the home place where he was born. He produces good crops and also does dairying and stock raising, and his business methods are at all times progressive and reliable.

In 1906 Mr. Schafer was united in marriage to Miss Anna Knochenmus, of Zuma township, Rock Island county, and they are the parents of three children, namely: Mrs. Mayme Avery, Frederick and Donald. The family attends the United Brethren Church and Mr. Schafer was formerly identified with the Knights of Pythias. In politics he has always been an active democrat and is now precinct committeeman, a position which he has filled for several years. Formerly he was a school director and in February, 1933, he became highway maintenance patrolman, in which connection he is rendering an important service in making the highways safe for the traveling public.

## THOMAS J. DWYER

Thomas J. Dwyer, a state parole officer whose territory covers Peoria and Tazewell counties, was born in Rosefield township, of the former county, June 18, 1899, his parents being Dennis and Mary (McIntyre) Dwyer. The family has long been represented in Peoria county, the grandfather, Jeremiah Dwyer, having settled here prior to the Civil war. He married Margaret English and established his home in Rosefield township, where occurred the birth of his son Dennis. The latter was reared as a farm lad and took up agricultural pursuits as a life work. He wedded Mary McIntyre, who was also born in Rosefield township and was a daughter of Frank and Katherine (Byrne) McIntyre. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dwyer were eight children, namely: Thomas J., Francis, James, Dennis, Paul, Rose, Mary and Julia.

After attending the public schools of his home locality Thomas J. Dwyer continued his education in the Elmwood high school. During the World war he joined the military forces of the country but was not sent abroad. For twelve years he was engaged in the retail clothing business in Pekin, owning and conducting a store and ranking with the leading merchants of that city. He was called to public office in July, 1933, when he was appointed parole officer under the state department of public welfare. His duties are to supervise the paroled after their release and to assure their well-being and continued good conduct by helpful interest in their behalf. Back of his work lies a humanitarian spirit that prompts him to extend a helping hand wherever possible and his labors have been productive of good results, as many a paroled man has profited by his advice and assistance and been stimulated to do more toward reclaiming his position in society.

In early manhood Mr. Dwyer was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Shea, a native of Peoria and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Shelley) Shea. Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer are the parents of three children, James Patrick, Mary Ann and Thomas John. Mr. Dwyer belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion and is interested in public welfare to a degree of giving earnest and effective support to many measures for the public good. His entire life has been passed in Peoria and Tazewell counties, and all who know him speak of him in terms of warm regard.

## HENRY G. MORRIS

Henry G. Morris, who is one of the leading attorneys of Richland county, Illinois, with offices in Olney, is also one of the foremost men in the democratic party of this section of the state, having for many years been intimately associated with campaign and committee work. Mr. Morris commands the respect and admiration of his fellowmen also by reason of the fact that he achieved success in the world from very humble beginnings and all through his own efforts and determination.

Henry G. Morris was born in the state of Georgia, December 9, 1856. His parents were Joseph R. and Sarah (Aldridge) Morris, both of whom were born in England and, after coming to the United States, settled first in New York state. They remained there only a short time, then moved to Georgia, and in 1861 came to Richland county, Illinois. Joseph R. Morris represented several large corporations in southern Illinois.

Until he was fourteen years of age, Henry G. Morris studied in the common schools of Illinois, then for several years traveled about the United States, making his way in any manner which opportunity offered. This was a period of experience and of considerable hardship, but he learned many things of life which were destined to be assets during his future climb to successful heights. His ambition aroused, the legal profession beckoned to him as a most desirable vocation, so accordingly he turned his face toward this goal. He persuaded the congressman of his home district to get him a position in the United States mail



service in Clark county in 1884, and while thus earning his livelihood he diligently studied his Blackstone, improving every spare moment, and steadily progressing. By 1892 he had acquired a comprehensive knowledge of law and having passed the required examination was duly admitted to the bar of Illinois. He first hung out his shingle in Clark county, but remained there a short time only, then removed to Olney, where he has practiced ever since. He has many times proven his professional ability and has conducted numerous cases of prime importance in the local courts. His clientele is large and composed of citizens who have learned to trust thoroughly his judgment and procedure in legal affairs.

Mr. Morris has worked untiringly through many years for the success of the democratic party and its principles in Richland county and has been identified with many state-wide political movements. He served for a long period on the Richland county democratic central committee and was chairman of this body for eight years. He was a leading figure in the William Jennings Bryan campaign of 1896, and has stumped Richland and neighboring counties many times. He heard Bryan deliver his famous Cross of Gold speech at the Chicago convention of 1896. Mr. Morris was a delegate to several state democratic conventions, and attends all of the local, congressional and judicial gatherings. For three terms he was state's attorney of Richland county.

Mr. Morris was married in 1888 to Katharine Gordon of Anderson, Indiana, who has likewise been an active figure in local democratic circles. To their union there have been born three children, namely: Sydney, who is at home; Allena, who is the wife of Henry Gump of Chicago, Illinois; and Ernest Keith, who also lives in Chicago.

Mr. Morris professionally is a member of the American, the Illinois State and the Richland County Bar Associations. His fraternal affiliation is with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Olney.

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#### JOE WHEELER

Joe Wheeler, of Canton, who was the nominee for sheriff in Fulton county and whose qualifications for office were demonstrated in the fact that for six years he has served on the police force of his city, was born on a farm near Astoria, Fulton county, in 1871. His parents were Elias and Phoebe (Doty) Wheeler, who made their home in the vicinity of Coshocton, Ohio, until they came to Illinois and settled in Fulton county.

Joe Wheeler completed his educational training as a high school pupil in Lewistown, Illinois, and when his textbooks were put aside he began learning the trade of cigar making in Canton. Subsequently he removed to Mystic, Iowa, where he established a cigar manufacturing business and also conducted a retail trade in that line. In this he continued for ten years and during the decade he was greatly interested in community welfare and in the success of the political principles in which he has always believed. He was regarded as a representative resident of Mystic and while there served for three years on the school board and for two years was mayor of the city. When ten years had passed, however, he sold out his business in Iowa and returned to Canton, Illinois, where he resumed the manufacture of cigars but later was for a time in the transfer business with his sons in Canton. Here he was also called upon for public service and for six years did faithful duty as a member of the police force, while for seven years he was alderman of the city and carefully studied all questions relative to municipal welfare.

In 1898 Mr. Wheeler was married to Miss Agnes Winterberg and their children are three in number: S. J., who is engaged in the transfer business in Canton; E. E., who is with the National Biscuit Company; and W. D., who is associated with the Standard Oil Company.

Mr. Wheeler was formerly identified with the Mystic Workers, an order which has since changed its name. His wife belongs to the German Lutheran





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Church. Both are widely and favorably known in this part of the state, and at the primary of 1934 Mr. Wheeler's fellow townsmen nominated him for the office of county sheriff of Fulton county. He was elected by a majority of three thousand five hundred and sixty-eight, November 6, 1934. In matters of citizenship he always takes a progressive stand and at the same time his conservatism prevents any reckless or undue expenditures of the public funds. He works in a businesslike way to secure the adoption of his political views and the success of his party.

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### E. L. PENNINGTON

E. L. Pennington, one of the aldermen of Chillicothe, elected on the democratic ticket, was born in Bloomington, Illinois, July 24, 1896, his parents being George W. and Laura (Caldwell) Pennington, both of whom were descended from old families of southern Indiana. They became the parents of three children: E. L., Thelma and Ralph R. The last named served in France during the World war, so that he is now numbered among the overseas veterans.

E. L. Pennington supplemented his early education by a course in the Rose Polytechnic Institute at Terre Haute, Indiana. In 1919 he came to Chillicothe where he purchased a barber shop which he has conducted continuously since that time, and there he has since resided. Throughout the intervening period he has been active in local politics, doing everything in his power to advance the welfare and promote the successes of the democratic party. He has served for three years as alderman and is thus taking active part in directing municipal interests.

In early manhood Mr. Pennington was united in marriage to Eva Cleveland, a native of Chillicothe, Illinois, and a daughter of Henry M. and Jennie (Jones) Cleveland. Her father was a pioneer resident of this community who became well known in business circles as a cigar manufacturer and figured actively in politics as an old-line democrat. Mr. Pennington holds membership in the Baptist Church, in the Masonic fraternity and in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. As a Mason he has taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter, council and consistory and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. He loyally follows the teachings and purposes of the craft and is widely known among his brethren of the order. He has proven an acceptable citizen of Chillicothe, his fellow townsmen having confidence in his ability to administer their affairs.

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### ROY EDWARD BOLEY

Roy Edward Boley, successful practicing attorney of Olney, has for a number of years been a prominent figure in the democratic party of Richland county, Illinois, and has in every particular manifested real devotion to the cause.

Mr. Boley was born in Bompas township, Richland county, March 20, 1887, and is a son of Edward and Clara A. (Byers) Boley. The father was likewise a native of Richland county, his family having come here from Virginia in 1850. His principal occupation was farming, but in the winter months he taught school and eventually he became a minister in the United Brethren Church. He was a man of fine intelligence and a democrat without a stain on his political record. He served as a supervisor of Bompas township and school treasurer and as justice of the peace, and altogether wielded a great deal of influence in the county. His death occurred January 20, 1925. His wife, and mother of Roy Edward, was born in Calhoun, Illinois, and passed away on October 21, 1931. Her family came here from Knox county, Indiana, in 1850.

Roy Edward Boley went through the grade schools and also high school in Olney, then pursued his advanced studies for a time in the University of Illinois. He entered Illinois Wesleyan University and from this institution received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in June, 1914. In April, 1916, he was admitted

to the bar of Illinois and immediately hung out his shingle in his home town of Olney, where he has since met with unusual success in general practice. In 1920 and 1924 he was a candidate for state's attorney, and on April 10, 1934, received the democratic nomination for county judge. In December, 1933, he was appointed master in chancery, and has been a delegate to several congressional and judicial conventions. He has consistently given his unswerving support to the whole democratic ticket and has been a valued servant of the party ever since he attained his majority. Mr. Boley is a member of the Richland County Bar Association.

In May, 1918, Mr. Boley enlisted in the United States Navy. He was released from active service in December of the same year, and honorably discharged September 20, 1921. Since its organization he has taken a very active part in the American Legion. He was commander of the local post when it was started, and as such a charter member, and since that time he has continuously been judge advocate service officer and historian of the post.

On September 5, 1923, occurred the marriage of Mr. Boley and Miss Lydia R. Pflaum, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Schmepper) Pflaum. Mr. and Mrs. Boley have become the parents of two children: Roy Edward, Jr., and Betty Jane, whose ages respectively (1934) are ten and nine.

Mr. Boley is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a past noble grand of this lodge, in which he has taken great interest. He is likewise a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Public questions in Olney and Richland county have always commanded Mr. Boley's attention and he has cooperated with his fellowmen with enthusiasm and solicitous regard for the welfare of his home community.

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#### CHARLES N. SCHNIER

Charles N. Schnier, highway patrolman living in Illinois City, Rock Island county, was born in Buffalo Prairie township, this county, November 22, 1906, a son of Charles S. and Minnie (Ricketts) Schnier, both of whom are still living in Buffalo Prairie township. The father has devoted his life to farming and is a well known and influential citizen of his community. He has served at various periods as precinct committeeman through many years and has always been a party worker in support of democratic principles. He has filled the offices of township clerk and tax collector and has held other positions.

Charles N. Schnier was educated in the local schools and in Brown's Business College at Muscatine, Iowa. He was reared to the occupation of farming and worked with his father, devoting his time and attention to general agricultural pursuits. He also worked for construction companies, which took him to various places, and in February, 1933, he was appointed highway maintenance patrolman, which position he has since filled. Like his father, he has always been an active democrat and an earnest worker at the polls, using his car to take voters out on election day.

On the 6th of June, 1934, Mr. Schnier was married to Miss Geraldine R. Foster. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors, and in these associations are found the rules which govern his conduct and make him a substantial and highly respected citizen.

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#### FRED J. DEAN

A well known representative of the banking business in Ogle county is Fred J. Dean of Mount Morris, who has been actively connected with the Citizens State Bank since 1930. He was born in Waterman, De Kalb county, Illinois, March 9, 1880, and is a son of Erastus and Charlotte (Pearl) Dean. The mother was born in Dimeannon, Perry county, Pennsylvania, in 1841 and died in 1915. The father was a native of Redmills, New York, born in 1831, and he reached the age of eighty years, passing away in 1911. He came to



Illinois in 1867, settling in Waterman, where he conducted a meat market for many years, and he always gave his political support to the democratic party.

Fred J. Dean attended the public schools of Waterman until graduated from the high school in 1896. In 1903 he graduated from the School of Pharmacy of Northwestern University in Chicago and from 1904 until 1911 was in Rockford, where he served as a prescription clerk with the firm of John R. Porter & Company. After acceptably filling that position for seven years he removed to Mount Morris and for twenty years was engaged in the drug business here, holding a place among the leading and representative merchants of the town. He has been identified with banking interests here since 1927, when he became vice president of the Citizens State Bank, and has been active in its management and control since 1930, devoting the major part of his time and attention to the bank at present. However, he has for the last ten years been a member of the board of directors of the Kable Brothers Company of Mount Morris and has been a director of the Mount Morris Building & Loan Company since its organization.

On the 1st of June, 1905, Mr. Dean was united in marriage to Jessie Kirkpatrick and they are the parents of three children, as follows: Robert K., a medical student at Northwestern University; Genevieve, who is a senior at Beloit College; and Everett K., a sophomore at the University of Illinois. The family attend the Methodist Church, in which Mr. and Mrs. Dean hold membership and in the work of which they take an active part, Mr. Dean being now president of the board of trustees. He is also president of the Kiwanis Club of Mount Morris. Always a democrat since old enough to vote, he was elected precinct committeeman in 1932. He attended the democratic national convention in Chicago in 1896 and has always been keenly interested in the success, growth and welfare of the party.

#### ARTHUR LEWIS LAYTON

Among the younger democrats of Crawford county, Illinois, who have accomplished much in the successful campaigns of recent years is Arthur Lewis Layton, who is now head farmer at the Jacksonville State Hospital.

Mr. Layton was born June 28, 1902 in Hutsonville, Crawford county, Illinois, and is a son of Armstead and Catherine (Cox) Layton, the former of whom was born in Crawford county, October 5, 1860, and the latter in Crawford county, April 2, 1865. Her death occurred on July 2, 1929. Armstead Layton is one of the successful farmers and stockmen of Crawford county, and has been a staunch democrat all of his life. His father, Lewis Layton, was also a leading democrat of this community. In addition to Arthur L., the children born to Armstead and Catherine Layton are as follows: Fern, Edith, Guy and Charles. Fern passed away at the age of nineteen years. The rest have the same political tendencies as the others of his family; and all are residents of Crawford county.

The public schools supplied Arthur L. Layton with his first opportunity for an education, and he pursued a four year course in high school in Hutsonville. Soon afterward, he started in farming for himself, and continued until March 1, 1933, when he was appointed head farmer at the Jacksonville State Hospital, a position which he is eminently well equipped to fill.

Democratic political affairs very early became subjects of live interest to Mr. Layton, and he began to participate in the various activities in his home county. In 1926 he was elected a member of the Crawford county democratic central committee, was reelected in 1928 and served until 1930. He was one of the organizers of the Crawford County Jeffersonian Club and has been vice president of it since the beginning. He has attended all of the state conventions since 1926.

On April 23, 1933, occurred the marriage of Mr. Layton and Miss Arline

Dry, a daughter of Edward and Fannie Dry of Hutsonville. Mr. Layton's religious faith is that of the Baptist Church.

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### CARL A. SWENSON

Carl A. Swenson, an attorney of Rockford whose ability has gained him high professional standing, so that he now enjoys an extensive practice at the Winnebago county bar, was born March 11, 1900, in the city where he still resides. His parents, Fred A. and Elna (Bjorkland) Swenson, who are natives of Sweden, came to the United States in 1892, at which time they established their home in Rockford, Illinois. Here the father owned and edited the Rockford Posten, a Swedish paper, for a number of years, and he is now secretary of the Associated Industries of Rockford. Politically he follows an independent course, voting for men and measures rather than party.

While spending his youthful days under the parental roof Carl A. Swenson attended the grade and high schools of Rockford and afterward entered the University of Illinois, in which he pursued a law course that was completed by his graduation in February, 1924, at which time the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him. Admitted to the Illinois state bar the same year, he opened an office in Rockford, where he has since engaged in general practice, and along professional lines he has made steady advance, representing a clientele that connects him with much of the important litigation tried in the courts of the district. From 1929 to 1931 he was city attorney. He is now one of the attorneys who is doing the closing work for the Home Owners Loan Corporation and he is attorney for the receiver of the Farmers State Bank of Rockford and of the Peatonica State Bank.

Mr. Swenson has been active in democratic politics since 1930, taking a prominent part in the campaign of that year. In 1932 he was a candidate for state's attorney on the democratic ticket but was defeated. He canvassed the county in both campaigns in support of the entire ticket and he attended the state, congressional and judicial conventions of 1932 and was also a visitor to the democratic national convention in Chicago in the same year. In the spring of 1934 he organized the Scandinavian Democratic League of Winnebago county, of which he is the chairman. This organization held a state convention of Scandinavian clubs in Rockford, October 25, 1934, at which he presided, and he was elected first vice president of the state organization. They have a membership of two thousand five hundred, which is now the strongest political club in Winnebago county. For a considerable period the strength of the Scandinavian portion of our population was given to the republican party, but in more recent years, as people of that nationality or descent have studied the vital political problems, they have come more and more largely to support democratic principles, and Mr. Swenson is exerting considerable influence in this direction by reason of his clear expounding of the basic elements of the democratic party to those of Swedish nationality.

In 1928 Mr. Swenson was united in marriage to E. Lucile Craft, a native of Janesville, Wisconsin, and they are the parents of a son, Carl Eugene. Mrs. Swenson is a member of the Winnebago County Women's Democratic Club and is actively interested in the work of the party. She and her husband belong to Trinity Lutheran Church and are interested in all that has to do with the moral growth and progress of the community. Mr. Swenson is a member of the Delta Chi, a social and legal fraternity, and the Phi Alpha Delta, a law fraternity. He is also a member of the Winnebago and Illinois State Bar Associations. He has social qualities which make him popular in all the organizations with which he is identified, while his ability has brought him prominently to the fore as a political leader and as an attorney.



CARL A. SWENSON





## FELIX WASILEWSKI

Felix Wasilewski occupies the position of bridge tender at La Salle. He came to this country from Poland, where he was born January 19, 1888, a son of Adam and Anna Wasilewski, who always remained in Poland. Felix Wasilewski was educated in the schools of his native country and in a night school in America. Determining to try his fortune in the new world, he crossed the Atlantic in 1906 and made his way to Iron Mountain, Michigan, whence he came to La Salle, Illinois, ten years later. Here he has resided continuously since 1916 and was engaged in the saloon business until the enactment of the prohibition law. During the past four years he has been a bridge tender at the La Salle bridge.

In 1911 Mr. Wasilewski was united in marriage to Miss Mary Trybysy and they are parents of eight children, namely: Stanley, Leonard, Mary, Edward, Felix, Chester, Lonis and Bernice. The family attends the St. Hyacinth Catholic Church of La Salle and Mr. Wasilewski belongs to St. Stephen's Society of La Salle and the Sebasea Society of Peru. He also has membership in the Polish National Alliance. He has always given his political support to the democratic party since becoming a naturalized citizen and for eight years has served as precinct committeeman and has been a delegate to the state convention of his party. He works for its interests and its candidates and is a firm believer in its principles. He has also been a delegate to the Polish National Alliance and wields considerable influence among the Polish people of La Salle.

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MRS. ALMA (ELLIOTT) PEARCE

Mrs. Alma (Elliott) Pearce, of Carbondale, has devoted practically her entire life to social service. There are few women who understand this work in all of its phases and its possibilities to a greater degree or who have labored more earnestly and effectively to win desired results than she. Her work has aided many an individual and has proved an inspiring force in the lives of all with whom she has come in contact.

A native of Carbondale, she attended its grade and high schools and also spent two years as a student in the Southern Illinois State Normal University of this city. In 1906 Alma Elliott became the wife of Augustus R. Pearce, of New Orleans, Louisiana, who was connected with the Ayer & Lord Tie Company of Carbondale for a period of about six months. He then became associated with the American Creosoting Company of Hugo, Oklahoma, where he resided for four years, returning on the expiration of that period to Carbondale, where he joined his father-in-law in business. Later he removed to New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Pearce were born two sons, William Elliott and James Allan. The former, who is called Elliott, was graduated from the University of North Carolina, and Alan has spent two years in study in the same school. The former is now auditor in the state auditing department in North Carolina, while Allan is employed in the office of the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission at Murphysboro, Illinois.

Mrs. Pearce has always been interested in the democratic party and active in its affairs since the first Wilson campaign, at which time she was chairman of the Carbondale organization of democratic women. She served as precinct committeeman for about eight years and was county chairman for about ten years, doing much to further organization work in democratic ranks. She is now police matron and health officer of Carbondale.

When the Illinois relief work was first established, she had charge thereof for one-half of Jackson county and was well qualified to take up the duties of the position by reason of previous experience. For ten years she has been active in the social service work of this community and she was on the commission until February, 1934. Mrs. Pearce has been democratic clerk or

judge at every election since Woodrow Wilson was a candidate for the presidency. About 1932 she organized the first negro democratic women's club outside of East St. Louis in southern Illinois. She has served as a delegate to the state conventions of 1930, 1932 and 1934 and she attended the democratic national convention in Chicago which nominated Franklin Delano Roosevelt. She has also been chairman of the women's auxiliary of the Jefferson Club of Carbondale and is a member and officer of the Jackson County Jefferson Club. She was appointed county chairman of the NRA and she is a charter member of the League of Women Voters. In a word she utilizes every opportunity that comes her way to further the interests of democracy and her labors have been effective and far-reaching.

There is no good work done in the name of charity or religion that does not elicit the attention and stalwart support of Mrs. Pearce. She takes care of the crippled children of Carbondale for the local lodge of Elks and she is the charity worker and handles all the funds for the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission and the Carbondale United Charities. She has worked for Jackson county as welfare worker for Carbondale township and her aid is always solicited and cheerfully given in connection with any project that has to do with the uplift of the individual or the benefit of mankind at large. She has membership in the Women's Club of Carbondale and was its chairman for four years. She also belongs to the Business and Professional Women's Club of Carbondale, of which she was parliamentarian for a year. A consistent and faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, she served for eight years as superintendent of its primary department in the Sunday school, and she has been a member of the Tuberculosis Society committee for a long period and served as its chairman for about seven years. While she is not connected with the Eastern Star, she has been chosen to take the crippled children from Jackson county to the home maintained by the Shrine at St. Louis. In 1917 she took the registration of the women of the county for World war work, this being a part of the women's division of the National Council for Defense. In the spring of 1918 she pursued a course in surgical dressing and in the last Liberty Loan drive she was vice chairman of the women's division. Mrs. Pearce has been a prime factor in getting individuals and organizations to assist young girls and boys through high school and college, and various ones are indebted to her for her aid in that connection. She is now chairman of the cleamp work governed by eleven different organizations, including the Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis Clubs. She is also a member of the executive committee of the Red Cross. Her interests and activities have constantly broadened out along lines of usefulness that have been far-reaching, and while holding to high ideals she has employed most practical methods in their accomplishment. Her work can scarcely be overestimated. There are hundreds who have benefited by her labors, as her aid and influence are ever an inspiring force.

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#### ANTHONY P. MARKOSKI

Among the members of the city council of Peoria is numbered Anthony P. Markoski, who is now serving as alderman from the eighth ward and whose interest in municipal welfare is manifest in many tangible ways. Born in Peoria, April 18, 1899, he is a son of Paul J. and Frances (Valance) Markoski, both of whom were natives of Warsaw, Poland. Coming to the new world, they settled in Peoria in 1896. Their family numbered nine children, namely: John F.; Peter; Bernard, who served in the United States Navy at the time of the World war; Anthony P., of this review; Archelus; Helen; Marie; Frances; and one who is deceased.

Anthony P. Markoski was educated in St. Boniface school, and for a number of years he was in the employ of the Holt Manufacturing Company. Subsequently he spent six years with the Ford Motor Company and for a number of

years has now been in the service of the South Side Baking Company, the business being owned by his two brothers, John F. and Peter.

Mr. Markoski was united in marriage to Miss Viola Le Tissier, a native of Peoria and a daughter of Henry and Louise (Martin) Le Tissier. They are the parents of a son, Donald.

Mr. Markoski has been a consistent worker in the democratic ranks for a number of years and was elected alderman from the eighth ward on the 2d of April, 1933. He is active in democratic circles in his ward and is now chairman of the Illinois Junior Jeffersonians. He closely studies the questions and problems which are vital to the community and is actuated by a practical and at the same time progressive spirit in his efforts to advance municipal welfare.

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### FRANK E. KENNEDY

Among the enterprising business men of Libertyville Frank E. Kennedy is numbered, being actively engaged in commercial pursuits. Born in Lake Forest, Illinois, in 1895, he is a son of Edward J. and Rose A. (Redmond) Kennedy, who are also natives of Lake Forest. The father followed farming for many years but is now living retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. The grandparents of Frank E. Kennedy were early pioneer settlers of northern Illinois.

The public school system of Lake Forest afforded Frank E. Kennedy his educational opportunities and afterward he entered the automobile business in his native city, where he first sold the Dodge car, while later he also had the Ford and Studebaker agencies. The month of June, 1917, witnessed his enlistment for military service as a member of the United States regular army and for more than a year he was on active duty in France, participating in the Meuse-Argonne offensive and in the engagement in the Vosges sector. He received his discharge in July, 1919, with the rank of first-class sergeant.

Mr. Kennedy then reentered the automobile business, purchasing the Ford agency in Libertyville and subsequently purchasing the Ford agency at Crystal Lake, Illinois, he and his brother conducting both places for a number of years but selling out in 1924. Mr. Kennedy then entered the real estate business in Libertyville, handling improved and sub-division property. This claimed his attention for several years and he still has extensive realty holdings. He also purchased a gravel property and opened a gravel pit. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion and in all business affairs is actuated by an indomitable spirit of energy and determination.

Mr. Kennedy has been active in the democratic party since reaching adult age and in 1930 he handled the campaign in Lake county for Senator James Hamilton Lewis. In 1934 he was elected a member of the county central committee and later was appointed a member of the executive committee, of which he was made chairman. His political interests are directed with the same intelligent activity that has characterized his business affairs and his labors are constructive of substantial results. In 1934 he was a delegate to the democratic state convention in Springfield.

In 1922 Mr. Kennedy was united in marriage to Rose Gagliardi, of Chicago, and they are the parents of two sons, Frank E., Jr., and James. The family is well known in Libertyville, occupying an enviable social position here, and Mr. Kennedy is a widely known and popular member of the American Legion.

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### FREDERICK M. RYAN

Frederick M. Ryan is one of the young men whose activity largely constitutes the strength of the democratic party in Mason county. He makes his home in San Jose and is filling the office of finance investigator. He was born in Delavan, Tazewell county, Illinois, January 6, 1908, and is a son of James W. and Eliza



beth (Murray) Ryan, who reside in the vicinity of San Jose, the father following the occupation of farming. James W. Ryan is a democrat in his political views and was precinct committeeman for several years. His father, Patrick Ryan, served as township supervisor in Logan county for a quarter of a century and was chairman of the board of supervisors when the present courthouse was erected, also acting as chairman of the building committee at that time. The family has always given allegiance to the democratic party. The grandfather of Frederick M. Ryan in the maternal line is likewise a democrat and at one time was a resident of Rock Island, Illinois, but now lives in Colorado.

Frederick M. Ryan pursued his early education in the public schools of San Jose and later attended Columbia College at Dubuque, Iowa, where he studied journalism. After leaving school he entered the insurance field and became superintendent at Gary, Indiana, for the Home Insurance Company of Indianapolis. Later he returned to San Jose, Illinois, where he became investigator for the state finance department, which position he is now filling.

In 1929 Mr. Ryan was united in marriage to Miss Gladys E. Zimmerman and they are the parents of a son, Gerald Frederick. Mr. Ryan belongs to the Catholic Church. Since 1930 he has continuously served as precinct committeeman and his name is always placed high on the rolls of influential democrats of this district.

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#### ORVILLE DAYTON ARNOLD

Typical of the modern, alert and active type of democrat who is pushing the party to the heights of success which it has attained is Orville Dayton Arnold, well known attorney of Rushville and now serving in the office of master of chancery in Schuyler county. Mr. Arnold has been a spirited adherent of democracy since he attained his majority and he has wielded influence of importance in the councils of the party.

Mr. Arnold is a native of Browning, Illinois, where his birth occurred on the 26th of September, 1895, and he is a son of William Harrison and Laura E. (Walton) Arnold. He attended both the grade and high schools of Urbana, Illinois, and graduated from the latter in June, 1921. Law was the profession he had chosen for his life's work, and accordingly he matriculated at the University of Illinois to prepare himself. He completed his professional studies in three years and in June, 1924, received his Bachelor of Law degree from that institution. He was duly admitted to the state bar of Illinois and immediately started practice in Rushville, where his success was quickly assured. He became a popular attorney of this community and conducted many cases of litigation with extraordinary credit to himself and with benefit to his reputation. In 1928 he was elected state's attorney, and was re-elected in 1932, but in 1933 resigned that position for the purpose of accepting an appointment as master in chancery, being the present incumbent. Mr. Arnold has been a regular attendant at conventions of his party since 1916 and stands in the front rank of Schuyler county democracy. He was a visitor at the national convention in Chicago in 1932.

In Danville, Illinois, on April 17, 1924, Mr. Arnold took as his wife Miss La Verna Rice, a native of Potomac, Illinois.

The United States having entered the war against the German Empire, Mr. Arnold enlisted September 7, 1917, in the 177th Company of the Signal Corps. He was furloughed to the Reserve December 2, 1918, and later mustered out. He served at Camp Custer in Battle Creek, Michigan, and was discharged from Camp Johnston in Jacksonville, Florida. He is now a member of the American Legion, is a past commander of Schuyler Post, No. 4, and was judge advocate for the thirteenth district, American Legion. His fraternal connections are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masons, including the Consistory and the Mystic Shrine, and he is now Captain General of the Com-





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mandery and also a member of the Royal Order of Jesters. As a citizen of Rushville, Mr. Arnold has most satisfactorily fulfilled all of his civilian duties and holds a place of well earned repute in this thriving community.

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### EDWARD A. MESSMER

Edward A. Messmer is well known in the business circles of Pekin because of his activity in the field of general insurance, and as a supporter of democracy he has been called to the office of city commissioner, in which position he is now serving. Born in Pekin, Tazewell county, Illinois, October 20, 1889, he is a son of Joseph C. and Wilhelmina (Hofferbert) Messmer, both of whom were also natives of Pekin, their respective parents having settled in this city at an early day, so that Edward A. Messmer is a representative of both families in the third generation here. He was one of a family of six children, four sons and two daughters, and after acquiring his early education in the public schools of his native city he took a course in the LaSalle Extension University, of which he is a graduate. When a youth he began learning the printer's trade, entering upon an apprenticeship at a salary of a dollar and a half per week. Subsequently he took up the study of telegraphy and still later he became clerk in a railway office. Afterward he filled successively the positions of yard clerk, clerk in the car accountant's office and assistant cashier, and he left the railroad employ to go into the advertising game. Eventually, however, he re-entered the railroad service as an accountant, being engaged to adjust accounts in the office of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company in preparation for the entry of that road with others into a joint agreement. When that work was completed he was assigned to a position in the office of the superintendent of motive power and he also held the post of chief clerk there. Again leaving the railroad, he sold goods as a traveling representative of a Chicago concern until 1920, when he opened an office in Pekin and has since conducted a general insurance business. The thoroughness which has always characterized his work is manifest in this field and he has a complete understanding of all kinds of insurance. He has been accorded a liberal patronage and his business is one of substantial proportions.

In early manhood Mr. Messmer was united in marriage to Miss Genevieve Hayes, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Hayes, and they are the parents of one child, Duane. Mr. Messmer has always supported the principles of democracy and in 1923 was elected city commissioner, in which office he has since served, now acting in the third term. At the present writing, in 1934, he is the nominee for the office of county treasurer of Tazewell county, having won the nomination in a field of five candidates. He holds membership with the Junior Jeffersonians. He is well known in Masonic circles, having taken the degrees of the lodge, the chapter and the Grotto, and at all times he is thoroughly loyal to the beneficent teachings and spirit of the craft.

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### GUS HALLER

Gus Haller, of Wood River, was elected chairman of the county board of supervisors of Madison county in 1933 and was reelected in 1934. His connection with the board has covered various periods and at all times he has exercised his official prerogatives to support valuable public measures. Mr. Haller was born in Wood River township, Madison county, Illinois, where the Standard Oil plant now is found, his natal day being December 12, 1883. His father, Albert Haller, was born on the old Kendall farm in the same township in 1836 and devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. He was active in public affairs of his community and for twenty years was a director of the Wood River school. He married Anna Tipel, also a native of Wood River township, and like her husband a representative of one of the old pioneer families of this section of the state.

Gus Haller attended the Wood River public schools and then took up active work on the farm, being thus associated with his father until 1910, when he entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company in the refinery. After two years there he became chief of police of Wood River and so served until 1918, when he returned to the Standard Oil Company as chief watchman of the plant and in this position has since continued. He has had time, however, to fill various public offices and has made an excellent official whenever called upon to serve his fellow townsmen. In 1914 he was elected supervisor of Wood River township and was reelected in 1918. Four years later he was defeated for the office but in 1926 was reelected and again in 1930, so that his incumbency in the position will cover a period of sixteen years, and during the last two years he has served as chairman of the county board. In 1914 he was appointed a member of the board of review for a one-year term and in 1918 was again appointed to the same office, serving for two years, while as chairman of the county board he is ex-officio chairman of the board of review. He was a delegate to the democratic judicial convention in Vandalia when Norman L. Jones was nominated for the supreme bench. He is always recognized as a party leader and has a large personal following and strong influence, his opinions carrying much weight in party councils.

In July, 1910, Mr. Haller was married to Miss Adeline Myers, of Alton, Illinois, and they have two daughters, Virginia May and Veronica Irene, who are now high school students. Mrs. Haller is a member of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church, in the work of which she takes active part. Mr. Haller belongs to the Baptist Church and is a charter member of the Wood River lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose. He built a palatial home in 1931 on a ten-acre tract of land which he set aside of this purpose from his fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres adjoining the village of Wood River. He is an ardent sportsman, particularly fond of hunting and fishing, and enjoys almost every phase of outdoor life.

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#### WALTER C. DUNKER

Walter C. Dunker, a well known resident of Marengo, devotes his time and attention to farming and to service as a highway maintenance patrolman. He was born on a farm a half mile west of Marengo, in McHenry county, November 8, 1901, and is a son of W. H. and Mary Dunker, the former a native of Germany. The father has followed the occupation of farming in the vicinity of Marengo since 1900. In politics he has always been a staunch democrat and for several years he served as precinct committeeman, at all times doing for his party whatever he has found possible to accomplish in support of its principles and its candidates. He still makes his home near Marengo, but his wife passed away in 1911.

Walter C. Dunker attended the public schools of Marengo and was reared to the occupation of farming, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He has always continued in this line of business and his industry and close application are manifest in the neat appearance of his well improved farm.

On the 18th of May, 1928, Mr. Dunker was united in marriage to Miss Emma Guse and they are the parents of a son, Robert Walter. Mr. Dunker has been active in democratic affairs since old enough to vote and has given his support to the entire party ticket. On the 10th of April, 1933, he was appointed highway maintenance patrolman and has now served in this capacity for a year and a half, his labors being commended by those under whom he works. He holds membership in the Zion Lutheran Church and is always interested in the moral development and progress of his community. In his fraternal relations he is a Mason, loyal to the teachings and purposes of the craft. His entire life has been spent in McHenry county, where he is regarded as a progressive young farmer and representative citizen.



## JOSEPH PATRICK DALY

Joseph Patrick Daly, a retired merchant who was appointed acting postmaster of Waukegan on September 1, 1934, makes his home in this city at 309 Franklin street. He came here when twenty-one years of age. His birth occurred in Haverstraw, New York, February 5, 1890. His father, Joseph Daly, was a native of County Clare, Ireland, and in young manhood came to the United States. Here he engaged in business as a meat dealer and he always gave his political support to the democratic party. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rose Geraghty, was a native of County Meath, Ireland, and crossed the Atlantic to the new world in her girlhood.

Joseph Patrick Daly pursued his studies in the parochial schools of his native village and during his boyhood was a playmate and schoolmate of Postmaster-General James A. Farley, at which time a strong friendship developed between them that has lasted through all the years. In addition to attending the parochial schools Mr. Daly also studied in the public high school and pursued a course in business and in banking through the medium of the LaSalle Extension University. The year in which he attained his majority he came to Waukegan, where he entered the meat business as an employee. The following year he purchased the business from his employer and conducted it for about twenty years. Later he added a full line of groceries and subsequently he established another retail store. The business was carefully, systematically and wisely managed and success in substantial measure rewarded the efforts and enterprise of the proprietor. He was president of the Lake County Retail Meat Dealers Association and was also president of the Illinois Meat Dealers Association.

Mr. Daly was reared a democrat and became a party leader in Lake county when practically there was no party to lead, but he put forth earnest effort to upbuild the party and his labors have been productive of excellent results. He served for several years as a member of the county democratic central committee and in 1928 he organized and was made president of the Smith for President Club of Lake county. He is now president of the Lake County Democratic Club, is a past vice president of the Waukegan Democratic Club and treasurer of the Roosevelt-Horner Club. In 1930 he was the democratic candidate for county clerk and in 1932 he was chairman of the civil service commission of the city of Waukegan. He has been a delegate to several democratic state conventions.

Mr. Daly has been very active in Boy Scout work and was vice president of the Boy Scout Council. He believes thoroughly in the organized effort to help the youth and to instill into them high principles of manhood and citizenship. The Knights of Columbus organization has also found in Mr. Daly a helpful worker. He served for two years as a grand knight and for seven years as district deputy grand master, and he has taken the fourth degree of the order. He belongs also to the Elks Lodge No. 702, of which he is a past exalted ruler, and for seven years he was president of the Salvation Army Advisory Council. He served as a member of the war council committee, did all in his power as a civilian to sustain the interests of the government during the World war period and was a member of the reception committee for Marshal Foch when he visited Chicago.

In 1922 Mr. Daly was united in marriage to Isabel Zita Cullen, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Like her husband, Mrs. Daly is very active in political work and also in civic organizations. She was the first vice president of the Lake County League of Women Voters and served for two years. She holds membership in the Waukegan Women's Club, was chairman of its citizenship department for two years and for a similar period was chairman of its public welfare department. She helped organize the League for the Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment in Lake county. She assisted in the organization of the Lake County Women's Democratic Club and is a member of the

Waukegan City Democratic Club. Her interests are further indicated in her membership in the Lake County Humane Society and she has worked with its relief department through the depression. She is also connected with St. Therese's Hospital Auxiliary and with the Victory Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and no good work done in the name of charity or religion, or for the benefit and uplift of her fellowman, seeks her aid in vain. Both Mr. and Mrs. Daly are widely and favorably known in Lake county and are recognized as leaders in many projects of public value.

#### ROBERT R. NEWTON

Robert R. Newton, circuit clerk of Johnson county and a well known resident of Vienna, was born in Goreville, this county, on the 18th of April, 1910. He is a young man of progressive views and wide vision and is giving excellent service to his fellow townsmen in the office to which he has been called. While spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, Edward Marion and Alice (Perry) Newton, he attended the public schools and after mastering the work of the grades became a student in Brown's Business College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1929. He has a military record, having served for two years at the Citizens Military Training Camp at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis. He has always voted with the democratic party and his fitness for office was recognized when on the 19th day of February, 1934, he was appointed to the position of circuit clerk to fill out an unexpired term. At the primaries following he was made the candidate of his party, and the excellent record which he is making in office seems to indicate that he will again be the people's choice for the position. He has attended a number of the county conventions and in 1933 was a delegate to the state convention in Springfield. Mr. Newton belongs to the Presbyterian Church and is a consistent follower of its teachings. He likewise has membership in the Modern Woodmen of America and in the Kiwanis Club.

On the 26th of July, 1933, Mr. Newton was married to Miss Aileen Heseley, and they have many friends in Vienna, while the hospitality of the best homes of the locality is freely accorded them.

#### TONY J. WILLIAMS

A popular and capable public official who has faithfully discharged the arduous duties of his office in a very acceptable manner is Tony J. Williams, who is now supervisor of Peoria county and is also filling the position of commissioner of the poor, the latter office entailing the dispensing of certain forms of relief to the needy. Mr. Williams comes to Illinois from far off Syria, his birth having occurred near Beirut on the 15th of July, 1894. He attended school in that country and first came to America when fourteen years of age, making the journey across the Atlantic alone. He remained in Buffalo, New York, for a year and then came to Peoria, where he spent two years. He afterward returned to Beirut, where he spent six months, and during this period he was married. Shortly thereafter he came again to the new world and settled in Peoria, being induced to take this step by a cousin who was living in this city. Here Mr. Williams has since remained. After a time he entered the grocery business, in which he has since engaged and in which he has been quite successful. He has a well appointed store, carrying a large line of staple and fancy groceries, and his business methods and fair prices have won for him a liberal patronage.

Mr. Williams has been quite active in democratic politics for a number of years and enjoys personal popularity among the party followers in Peoria. In 1933 he was elected supervisor and is now capably discharging the duties of the position. He is also a member of the Sixth Ward Democratic Club. One



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of his activities of particular interest is the great amount of philanthropic work which he has done. There have been about four hundred children whom he has fed each day, meeting the expenses of this from the profits accruing from his store. He carried this on for years and is still doing the work, being greatly interested in helping the children who need assistance. It was by reason of his humanitarianism that the party put him on the ticket for supervisor and overseer of the poor. It may truly be said that he did not seek the office but that the office sought him, and his many friends among the leading democrats of Peoria will vouch for him as an earnest and outstanding supporter of the party, worthy of all praise and deserving of the gratitude of the public for what he has done for the youth of the community.

In early manhood Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Mary Joseph and they are the parents of a daughter, Celia, who was born in Beirut, Syria, July 15, 1913. The family attend St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church and Mr. Williams is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to try his fortune in the new world, for here he has found the opportunities which he sought and in their utilization he has gained a substantial measure of success and a creditable place in commercial circles of his adopted city.

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#### HENRY R. BERTAGNOLI

Among the force of efficient men who are connected with the bridge system of Joliet is numbered Henry R. Bertagnoli, who is well known as a bridge operator here. He came to Illinois from the east, his birth having occurred in Bridgeville, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1905, his parents being Oliver and Ann Bertagnoli, who are now residents of Joliet. They removed from the Keystone state to this city when their son Henry was but two weeks old. The father has always been a democrat, giving unwavering support to the party and its candidates.

Reared in Joliet, Henry R. Bertagnoli acquired a public school education and then became a messenger boy for the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company. Actuated by a laudable ambition, he has since steadily advanced. After leaving the railroad service he worked for the American Steel & Wire Company and later entered the employ of the Lyons Brothers Lumber Company, with which he remained until he obtained a position with the Powers-Thompson Construction Company. Step by step he has progressed and on the 15th of June, 1933, he became a bridge operator, in which capacity he is now serving.

Mr. Bertagnoli was reared in the faith of the Catholic Church, to which he has always adhered. His political training aroused his interest in the democratic party, of which he became a stalwart supporter. He has been active in making house to house canvasses in the interests of the party in his and other precincts, and in every way possible he has furthered the success and development of democracy in Joliet.

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#### EMERY HUNSAKER

Emery Hunsaker, residing at Camp Point, Adams county, is a member of the state police. He was born in Liberty, Illinois, July 9, 1906, a son of Blanchard L. and Lula (Ward) Hunsaker, both of whom are natives of Adams county, this state. The father has followed farming and stock raising through the greater part of his life and in 1908 he removed to Camp Point, where he still makes his home. In politics he has always been a stalwart champion of democratic principles and has been active in party work in his township and county.

Emery Hunsaker was a pupil in the public schools of Camp Point and after finishing the work of the grades devoted three years to study in the high school. When his textbooks were put aside he entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, with which he remained for four years in construction work. He afterward spent three years in the employ of the Shell Oil Company and next started out in business independently by establishing a tin and plumbing

shop, which he conducted for three years. In March, 1933, he was appointed highway maintenance policeman and has since served in this capacity. This was not his first official position, however, as he had been alderman of Camp Point for three terms. He has always been active in local democratic affairs since old enough to vote and is regarded as one of the earnest party workers in his town.

In 1929 Mr. Hunsaker was united in marriage to Miss Selma Sahland and they are the parents of a son, Robert Ward. Fraternally Mr. Hunsaker is identified with the Masonic lodge at Camp Point and with the Moose of Quincy. He has always lived in this section of the state, where he is widely known, and by reason of an active and well spent life he enjoys the respect, confidence and goodwill of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

### MRS. MARGUERITE (HERTEL) MAHER

Mrs. Marguerite (Hertel) Maher, a resident of Geneva, Kane county, is one whose activities are wide and varied, touching the general interests of society, especially along the lines that make for culture, for individual uplift and for community progress. A native of Chicago, she is a daughter of Dr. Louis L. and Anna (Adams) Hertel. The parents of Mrs. Hertel removed from Georgia to New York city, where their daughter Anna was born. Dr. Hertel was a native of Halfday, Illinois, and in preparation for a professional career he attended Rush Medical College, from which in due time he was graduated. He then practiced in Chicago, with offices in the Venetian building, for many years and he passed away in 1925. His widow survives and now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Maher.

Pursuing her education in the public schools of Chicago, Marguerite Hertel was in due time graduated from high school with the class of 1910. She then entered the University of Chicago but after about a year gave up her college work to enter the Art Institute of Chicago, where she spent three years as a student. In 1916 she became the wife of Lneas W. Maher, a native of Chicago, Illinois, who is a designer. They have become parents of one child, Marguerite Jean, who is at home.

Mrs. Maher's father was a member of the old Jeffersonian Club of Chicago and she comes from an old-line democratic family on both sides. Her first active work for the party was in the campaign of 1932. She had been appointed county chairwoman by J. E. Alschuler and has since been reappointed. She is a member of various women's political organizations and she it was who introduced Judge Horner during his campaign. She is influential and her labors have been an effective force for party strength and success.

Mrs. Maher is a member of the Geneva Women's Club, which is connected with the Illinois Federation, and she was president of the local organization for a number of years and has been vice president of the Kane County Federation. She is also a past president of the Parent-Teacher Association and she is a member of the St. Charles Country Club and president of St. Mark's Auxiliary of St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Geneva, in which she holds membership. Recently she was appointed by the mayor of Geneva as chairwoman of the board of movie censors, with which she has been connected for a number of years. She was also appointed chairman of the Kane County NRA. Her labors have always been of a constructive character and her work has produced most beneficial effects. She studies closely all those questions which have to do with the public welfare and any movement which tends to the upbuilding of city or state wins her ready endorsement and support. In 1934 she was appointed committeewoman of the eleventh congressional district by Lieutenant Governor Thomas F. Donovan, committeeman for that district, and played an important and effective part in the election of that year.

## HERBERT W. RUDEL

Herbert W. Rudel, chief deputy collector of internal revenue at Peoria, is one who has always given stalwart support to democracy since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Peoria numbers him among her native sons, his birth having here occurred February 25, 1893. He is one of the four children of John and Emma (Werda) Rudel, the former a native of Baden-Baden, Germany, while the mother was born in Pontiac, Illinois, her parents having been early residents of that locality, where they settled prior to the Civil war. John Rudel was a veteran of that long and sanguinary conflict and for an extended period he was in the federal service, having been mail carrier out of the Peoria office for thirty-three years, a record of faithfulness and fidelity which is unsurpassed. To him and his wife were born two sons and two daughters: Herbert W.; Edward J.; Edna, the wife of Howard Kinsey; and Corinne, who is the wife of Albert Joss.

Passing from grade to grade in the public schools, Herbert W. Rudel eventually became a high school pupil in Peoria and thus completed his education. For many years after his school days were over he engaged in the shoe business as manager of retail shoe stores in this city and at other points, being for a time at Terre Haute, Indiana, and also at Des Moines, Iowa. He likewise served as auditor for two major oil companies and in 1919 he received the appointment to the position of deputy collector of internal revenue in Peoria. Later he again entered the commercial field but in 1933 was once more appointed to the position of deputy collector of internal revenue, being chief in the office of which he has charge. He has made an excellent record by his prompt and efficient discharge of duty and his superiors speak of him in terms of high praise.

Mr. Rudel served in the World war, being on duty at Camp Taylor near Louisville, Kentucky. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers and also of the Knights of Pythias, and he has gained many friends in those organizations by reason of his sterling traits of character and his loyalty to any cause which he espouses.

## JEROME O'CONNELL, SR.

Jerome O'Connell, Sr., now living retired in the city of Springfield, Illinois, and formerly very active in mercantile pursuits and as a horseman, is well-known for his allegiance to the democratic party and his cooperative spirit in advancing the cause. He has always been a democrat of the most loyal type and has been intimately concerned with many campaigns.

Mr. O'Connell is a native of Chicago, his birth having there occurred June 3, 1865, and he is a son of William and Ellen (Fitzgerald) O'Connell. He was one of a family of four sons and two daughters, two sons and two daughters now surviving. William O'Connell was born in Maine. His father was John O'Connell, who was born in Ireland, and came to the United States when he was sixteen years of age. He settled in Maine first, then later drove overland to Seneca county, Illinois, where he entered one hundred and twenty-five acres of land from the government. He married in the Given family, his wife's father having been a minister of the gospel. William O'Connell was always a farmer, and died about eighteen years ago at the age of eighty-nine years.

Jerome O'Connell, Sr. came to Springfield in the year 1874, and in the grade and high schools of this city received his education. For ten years thereafter, he was in the employ of a clothing house, and about thirty-five years ago, went to Chicago, but afterward returned to Springfield and established a clothing business on the south side of the square. This was known as O'Connell & Sons, and was very popular and well-conducted store. Mr. O'Connell sold out the business two and a half years ago, and has since lived retired from active affairs, preferring to manage his properties and enjoy the comforts of his attractive



Whittier avenue home in Springfield. He is a director in the Sangamon Savings & Loan Association.

Mr. O'Connell has been much interested in blooded track horses, and in Chicago was known as the owner of a number of fast pacers and trotters. He was secretary and treasurer of the Anderson Transfer Company, which had one hundred and ninety head of horses, and at the famous Washington Park track he entered his steeds in many of the classics, including one for a purse of thirty-five thousand dollars.

In October, 1894, Mr. O'Connell was married to Miss Sarah Oliver, of Chicago, a daughter of R. M. Oliver, who once served as county commissioner of Cook county. To Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell there were born four children, namely: William R., Jerome, Jr., Oliver and Daniel. The three older sons were in the military service of their country during the World war, the two oldest having been in France.

Mr. O'Connell is a communicant of the Blessed Sacrament parish of the Roman Catholic Church, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus, of which he has been grand knight. He also belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution.

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#### HOWARD B. BOONE, M. D.

Dr. Howard B. Boone, engaged in the practice of medicine in Chandler-ville, was born in Oxford, Mississippi, in 1874, a son of William Sanford and Ophelia (Watson) Boone, who were natives of Georgia. The Doctor came north with his uncle, Dr. N. H. Boone, and with him settled at Chandler-ville, Illinois, for his father had died when Howard Boone was but a small boy. The uncle practiced medicine in Chandler-ville from the time of his arrival until his death in 1923, when he had attained the advanced age of eighty-seven years. He was a staunch democrat and was active in various local affairs, his ability well fitting him for leadership along many lines.

After attending the Chandler-ville high school Howard B. Boone spent four years as a student in Eureka College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For five years he then attended Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, and won his M. D. degree at that institution. Returning to Chandler-ville, he became associated with his uncle in the practice of medicine and still follows his profession, in which he is well qualified, so that his practice is broad and remunerative. He is also the owner of fifteen or sixteen hundred acres of farm land in this vicinity and likewise has town property and other investments, including stock in the Chandler-ville State Bank, in which he is serving as a director.

In 1898 Dr. Boone was married to Miss Cora C. Bruno, of Tuscola, Illinois. They had two children but one died in infancy. Their son, Brooks N., became a law student in the office of his uncle, H. R. Hall. He was also a musician, and one evening when returning to his home after having taken part in a musical entertainment, he was accidentally killed by a railway train while he was riding a motorecycle.

Dr. Boone belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Court of Honor, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of The Maccabees, while the rules that govern his conduct are found in the Christian Church, of which he is a member. He has been superintendent of the church school for forty years. His political endorsement has ever been given to the democratic party, and while one of its active supporters, he has never sought or desired political office. Dr. Boone is a great admirer of F. D. Roosevelt. For twenty years he has been president of the school board at Chandler-ville and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. Along professional lines he has membership connection with the Cass County and Illinois State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. At all times he has been prompted by a laudable ambition to reach greater heights and make his





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service of larger value to his fellowmen. Thus as a practitioner of medicine he has greatly aided those who have sought his service and at all times he most conscientiously performs his professional duties.

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#### GEORGE A. WHIPPLE

For more than two decades George A. Whipple has been active in democratic circles in McHenry county and is now serving as highway maintenance supervisor. He was born February 16, 1889, on the farm in Dunham township, McHenry county, where he now lives, his parents being A. J. and Ellen F. (Murphy) Whipple. He attended the public schools of his native township and has always remained on the home farm. He early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops and has followed the most progressive methods in his farm work.

On the 25th of October, 1913, Mr. Whipple was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Desmond, a sister of Daniel H. Desmond, postmaster of Woodstock, who is mentioned on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Whipple are the parents of a daughter, Betty June. They are staunch advocates of the democratic party and, like her husband, Mrs. Whipple has been an active worker in its behalf. Mr. Whipple has given stalwart allegiance to democracy since old enough to vote and for the past twenty years has served as judge or clerk of elections. In 1932 he was elected precinct committeeman and was re-elected in 1934. On the 12th of February, 1933, he was appointed highway maintenance supervisor, his territory including a part of McHenry county and a part of Lake county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Whipple are adherents of the Catholic Church.

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#### SEBASTIAN MARZUCKI

Sebastian Marzucki, a member of the highway patrol of Illinois, now living in Aurora, was born in Massachusetts in 1892, a son of Adam and Pauline Marzucki, who are still residents of Aurora. For many years the father has staunchly supported the democratic party.

Sebastian Marzucki has been a resident of Aurora since the age of one year, his parents having removed to this city from the east at that time. At the usual age he entered the public schools and here pursued his education. When his studies were completed he sought employment and became a stove moulder in a factory, working along that line until February, 1933, when he was appointed to the position of highway maintenance patrolman and has now filled the office for almost two years.

Mr. Marzucki has been a supporter of the democratic party since casting his first vote and has served as precinct committeeman for the past twelve years, still occupying the position, in connection with which he is doing effective work in party organization and in getting out the vote. He was a delegate to the last democratic state convention which was held in Springfield. His religious belief is that of the Catholic Church and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus.

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#### LUCIEN S. FIELD

Lucien S. Field, district attorney for the Home Owners Loan Corporation, with headquarters in Moline, was born in Galesburg, Illinois, August 13, 1904, a son of Fred W. and Hannah (Smith) Field and a brother of James K. Field of Galesburg, mentioned elsewhere in this work. He attended the public schools of his native city and later entered Knox College there, being graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1927. He is a law graduate of the University of Chicago, where he won the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1931. While a student there he was editor of the Illinois Law Review. He began practicing law in Galesburg and in 1932 was the democratic nominee for state's attorney receiving eleven thousand, eight hundred and thirty-three votes against eleven

thousand, nine hundred and thirty-four for his opponet in a county that is normally strongly republican.

Mr. Field has been active in politics since attaining his majority and he is now distriet attorney for the Moline distriet of the Home Owners Loan Corporation, having been appointed August 1, 1933. He is a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa, a social fraternity, and the Phi Alpha Delta, a legal fraternity, and he belongs to the Masons, the Elks and the Eagles. In the last named he has been very active and in this work has been a leader in the movement for old age pensions.

Mr. Field was married March 31, 1934, to Electa Kennedy of Iowa City, Iowa.

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### LAURENCE E. SHUP

Laurenee E. Shup is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Jasper county, identified with this section of the state since 1850 and throughout the intervening period prominent in democratic leadership here. The family name has been closely associated with newspaper publication at Newton since 1882 and today Laurence E. Shup is editor and owner of the Newton Press, which since 1863 has been a strong democratic organization in southeastern Illinois.

Newton claims L. E. Shup as a native son. He was born July 2, 1896, his parents being Frank L. and Nannie (Richardson) Shup. His grandfather, William Shup, arrived in Jasper county in 1850. He had previously served with the Ohio volunteers in the Mexiean war and he became a well known and influential resident of Illinois, making his home in Newton, where Frank L. Shup was born, July 4, 1854. The latter, when a young man, served as village clerk, which was his only public office, but he never wavered in his allegiance to the democratic party. He studied law under James A. Gibson and D. B. Brown and was admitted to the bar in 1880, at which time he located for practice at Kingman, Kansas. Soon afterward, however, he purchased the Kingman Citizen, a paper which he owned and edited until April, 1882, when he sold out and returned to Newton. Here he purchased the Newton Press, which had been established in 1863 by Dr. Isaac H. Walker as a democratic weekly and which had been taken over by his son, Alfred N. Walker, in 1867. The latter continued the publication of the paper until 1882, when he sold to Frank L. Shup, who was editor and publisher thereof until his death in 1927. For many years he was the aeknowledged political leader of his party in Jasper county, exereising a widely felt influence in shaping the policy and directing the interests of the party in this section of the state. For many years he served as a member of the Jasper county central committee and was a delegate to all congressional, judicial and state conventions and frequently attended the democratic national conventions. He did much to further the interests of democracy through the columns of his paper and he was always a liberal contributor to party expenses. His wife, who was born near Dayton, Ohio, May 18, 1864, was brought to Jasper county in her girlhood.

Their son, Laurence E. Shup, attended the grammar and high schools of Newton and then continued his education in the University of Illinois, where he completed his more speeifically literary course and was graduated in 1918 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1917 he enlisted in the United States Navy but was not called for duty until 1918 and received his discharge on the 18th of May, 1919. He then returned to Newton and became associated with his father in the publication of the Newton Press, which in 1899 had been changed to a semi-weekly. Since the father's death he has been owner and editor of the paper, which he continues as a democratic organ, presenting the cause of the party in a clear, interesting and forceful way that has drawn to it further support from the public. The Newton Press now has a subscription list of eighteen hundred. Since reaching the age of twenty-one years Mr. Shup has been active in party work and from 1922 until 1934 inclusive was secretary of the Jasper county



democratic central committee, while since the former year he has also attended all of the judicial, congressional and state conventions.

Fraternally Mr. Shup is a Mason, belonging to Newton Lodge, No. 216, A. F. & A. M. He also has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and in the American Legion post, of which he has served as chaplain and adjutant. His interest in local welfare is manifest in his connection with the Civic Club and the Rotary Club, and he is likewise a well known member of the Illinois Press Association, the National Press Association and the Democratic Editorial Association.

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### NELLIE (YOUNG) BRANTNER

Nellie (Young) Brantner, secretary of the Sangamon County Women's Organization and a most effective worker in democratic circles, is a native of Springfield, her parents being James and Mary (Egan) Young. Her father, who was also born in Springfield, never aspired to public office but always gave unflinching allegiance to the democratic party. Her mother, who was born in England, was brought to the United States in her infancy by her parents, who arrived in the new world about the time of the assassination of President Lincoln. James Young was a gardener and thus provided for the support of his family. In the family were five children, the four sons being James, who is a sergeant in the United States Marines; Leo, Frank and Harry, all of Springfield.

The daughter, Nellie, attended St. Joseph's parochial school in Springfield and afterward pursued a business course in the Ursuline Convent of this city. She then remained at home until her marriage in 1905 to Edward Brantner and they have become the parents of three children: Richard, now living in Taylorville, Illinois; Vincent, in California; and Paul, who is at home.

Mrs. Brantner became actively interested in politics about fourteen years ago at the time of the formation of the first democratic women's organization, of which Miss Anna Plunkett Scott was chairman. She has always kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day, has served as committeewoman in her precinct and for seven years was democratic clerk of the precinct. Step by step she has advanced in the democratic women's organizations and has been secretary of the Women's Democratic League of Sangamon county for the years 1933 and 1934. Mrs. Brantner belongs to St. Joseph's Catholic Church and has been very active and prominent in different societies. She belongs to the American Legion Sangamon Post No. 32, and she is a member of the Degree of Pocahontas, a subsidiary organization of the Improved Order of Red Men, in which in 1933 she was Great Pocahontas, the chief executive for the state, being the second woman in Springfield to be thus honored, the organization having a membership of ten thousand in Illinois. She likewise belongs to the Maude Mullers and was Great Maude or state president thereof, this society being affiliated with the Degree of Pocahontas. She is also a member of the Patriotic Order of America and in 1928 was appointed district president. Mrs. Brantner does special work in the county clerk's office of Sangamon county every year and is leading a most busy and useful life, exercising a widely felt and beneficial influence along many lines.

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### C. A. WILLIAMS

Among the well known members of the bar of Clark county is numbered C. A. Williams, who maintains an office in Casey, where he settled in December, 1932. He was born in Fayette county, Illinois, July 24, 1907, a son of William Franklin and Cora Ellen (Hanley) Williams, who are natives of Coles county, Illinois, where their people had settled long prior to the Civil war. John Williams, the grandfather of C. A. Williams in the paternal line, served with the Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the period of hostilities between the north and the south. William Franklin Williams followed farming in young manhood but eventually put aside agricultural pursuits and is now engaged in the painting

and paper hanging business at Westfield, Illinois. He is a staunch democrat in his political views and is ever loyal to the best interests of his party.

A high school training supplemented C. A. Williams' early educational opportunities, and after leaving the schools of Westfield he entered the University of Illinois as a student in the College of Liberal Arts and in the College of Law, there pursuing his courses from 1925 until 1932. In February, 1931, he received his Bachelor of Laws degree and the following year his Bachelor of Arts degree. He practiced law in Champaign, Illinois, from his admission to the bar until June, 1932, when he again established his home in Westfield. After a short time, however, he opened his present law office in Casey in December, 1932, and he is accorded a large clientele that connects him with much important litigation tried in the courts of the state.

Mr. Williams has been active in democratic politics since reaching his majority. He was a delegate to the state convention of his party held in Springfield in 1932 and was a delegate to the supreme judicial convention in 1933. In 1932 he took an active part in the campaign work, delivering addresses for the party candidates throughout the county. In 1934 he received the democratic nomination and on the 6th of November was elected to the office of county judge, for which position his experience as a lawyer and as a public-spirited citizen well qualifies him. Mr. Williams is widely known because of his various relations. He belongs to the Young Democrat Club, to the Sigma Delta Kappa, a legal fraternity, to the Chamber of Commerce, to the Baptist Church, the American Bar Association, and to the Clark County Bar Association. He has always allied his interests with those things which make for public progress and improvement and for the upbuilding of individual character, and his worth as a man and citizen is widely recognized.

#### CHARLES LUIS PHIFER

Charles Luis Phifer is a well known publisher of Zeigler who now owns and edits the Messenger, a weekly newspaper, and also the Egyptian Review, a magazine which has a good circulation. He was born in Cole Camp, Missouri, March 30, 1886, his parents being Charles S. and Mary (Halloway) Phifer. Charles S. Phifer was a member of the Missouri state militia in 1864 and 1865, and his father was a sergeant in Company E of the Seventh Missouri Cavalry during the Civil war, being mustered out on the 11th of April, 1865.

Charles L. Phifer obtained his early education in the public schools of Sedalia, Missouri, and afterward attended Vanderbilt University as a student in the divinity department from 1912 until 1915. He next matriculated in the theological department of the Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and was there graduated on the 27th of July, 1928, with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. In the years 1923, 1924 and 1926 he took summer courses in McKendree College at Lebanon, Illinois, and throughout his entire life he has continually broadened his knowledge by reading, study and observation. During his school years he learned the printer's trade, which he has since followed in connection with his work in the ministry. He began preaching in Iberia, Missouri, in 1907 and through the intervening period to the present time has held charges in several towns in Missouri and Illinois as a pastor in the Christian Church. In 1931 he removed to Zeigler, Illinois, to accept the pastorate of the Christian Church and soon thereafter established the Messenger, a weekly newspaper. He is now concentrating the major part of his time and attention upon the publication of the Messenger and of his magazine, the Egyptian Review.

Mr. Phifer was a soldier of the World war, having enlisted as a private on the 18th of August, 1917. On the 1st of November following, however, he was commissioned a lieutenant in a company of the Three Hundred and Forty-fourth Infantry Reserve and during his service overseas he was chaplain of his regiment. He was one of the first members of the American Legion, was for two years a member of the state executive committee, Missouri Department,



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and was a delegate to the first state convention held in Peoria, Illinois, in October, 1919. He also belongs to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades.

On the 7th of August, 1907, in Richland, Missouri, Mr. Phifer married Miss Ida Sellers and to them were born two sons, Ernest and Virgil. On the 28th of October, 1920, in West Frankfort, Illinois, Mr. Phifer was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Myrtle Aiken.

Mr. Phifer has always voted with the democratic party and publishes his paper in the interests of the organization. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge and he also belongs to the Rotary Club, of which he is vice president. He takes a helpful interest in everything that pertains to the public good and his aid and cooperation can always be counted upon to further any measure or movement that looks to the uplift of the individual or to the benefit of the community at large.

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### JOSEPH B. NELSON

Joseph B. Nelson, who since 1930 has been chairman of the democratic central committee of Hancock county and who makes his home in Nauvoo, was born April 21, 1887, in the city where he still resides. His father, Joseph Nelson, whose birth occurred in Nauvoo, Illinois, in 1851, died in 1913. He was a lumberman there for some years and afterward engaged in the implement business. Later he became the organizer of the Peoples State Bank of Nauvoo. His activities, however, were never confined to a single line and from 1874 until 1880 he was editor and publisher of the Nauvoo Independent, a weekly newspaper. He was successful in his business affairs and became a recognized leader in connection with civic welfare. His fellow townsmen again and again called him to public office. He acceptably filled the offices of mayor, alderman, city clerk, member of the school board and supervisor, being chairman of the board of supervisors of Hancock county at the time of his death. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Katherine Knaust, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1852, a daughter of Conrad and Gertrude (Kettelman) Knaust, who were natives of Germany. Her father was born in Prussia and on coming to America settled in St. Louis, Missouri, where he lived for a time, but later became a resident of Nauvoo, Illinois. In politics he was always a staunch democrat. To Joseph and Katherine Nelson were born seven children, as follows: Lettia, the wife of Ralph Shipman, of California; Nelly, the deceased wife of Wesley Schneider; Orville, who is stationed with the United States Army in California; Joseph B., of this review; J. A., who is a captain in the aviation department of the United States Marine Corps and at present is stationed at Port au Prince, Haiti; and Ralph, who is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Dayton, Ohio; and Willa, a stenographer, Jacksonville, Illinois.

The public school training of Joseph B. Nelson was received in Nauvoo, and he made his entrance into business life as an employe in a drug store, working along that line for seven years. In 1910 he became connected with the Nauvoo Electric Light & Power Company, and mastering the various details of the business until qualified for control, he was made manager in 1913. For more than twenty years he has occupied this position, never swerving from his determination to give the patrons of the company the best possible service.

On the 22d of June, 1920, Mr. Nelson was married to Miss Verna O. Hohl, a daughter of Lewis E. and Odille Hohl. They now have two sons, Joseph L. and James C. Mr. Nelson is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. His greatest activity outside the field of business, however, has been in the realm of politics. He has served in various public offices and the interests of the community are dear to his heart. For eight years he filled the position of city clerk and for four years was alderman of Nauvoo. He acted as chief of the local fire department for eleven years, served for sixteen years on the school board and for two years of that period was president of the high school board. For the past eighteen years he has been a member

of the board of supervisors of Hancock county, a record of continuous service which is indicative of the confidence reposed in him and of his faithfulness in the discharge of his duties. He has always voted with the democratic party since attaining his twenty-first year, has been a precinct committeeman for the past twelve years and in 1930 was elected chairman of the democratic central committee of Hancock county, being reelected in 1932. He is also senatorial committeeman from his district and he has been a delegate to many of the district and state conventions. For four years he has filled the office of chairman of the Unity Club of Nauvoo. He possesses a keen sense of humor and a ready wit that enriches and enlivens his conversation and contributes in marked degree to his popularity, for Joseph B. Nelson is one of the best known and best liked men in Hancock county.

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#### DEWEY W. FALK

Among the public officials of Cambridge is numbered Dewey W. Falk, of 305 North Ridge street, who is serving as a member of the highway police. A native of Henry county, Illinois, he was born in Weller township, July 1, 1898, and has spent his entire life in this state. His parents are Charles G. and Olive (Erieson) Falk, the latter also a native of Henry county. The father was born in Sweden but left his native land when fifteen years of age and came to the United States. He settled in Weller township, Henry county, Illinois, where he became a farmer and for many years actively engaged in the tilling of the soil, but is now living retired in the enjoyment of a rest which he truly earned and richly deserves. He has always been a democrat and for twenty-eight years served as supervisor of his township. He had previously been township assessor and his official record was ever a most creditable one. To him and his wife have been born six sons and six daughters and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death.

Dewey W. Falk was educated in the local schools and was reared to farm work, assisting his father for some time in the operation of the hom eplace. For ten or eleven years, however, he has depended entirely upon his own resources and filled various positions. For a time before entering office he was employed in the retail oil business and on the 8th of March, 1933, he was appointed a member of the highway maintenance police, so that he is now active in the discharge of his official duties.

On the 20th of October, 1928, Mr. Falk was married to Miss Bessie Atkinson, of Cambridge, Illinois, who was here born and reared. They hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and occupy an enviable position in the social circles of the community. Mr. Falk belongs to the Lions Club and also to the Mystic Workers.

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#### GEORGE NEIL BLATT, SR.

George Neil Blatt, Sr., a member of the Joliet bar, with offices in the Young building, was born in Elwood, Will county, Illinois, October 22, 1876, a son of Nelson and Sophia Blatt. The father, who was an ardent democrat and an active party worker in local ranks, is now deceased, but the mother is still living.

In the schools of Elwood, George Neil Blatt began his education and later he attended the Joliet high school, while his college work was done at the University of Michigan. There he pursued his more specifically literary course, winning his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1899. He continued at the university as a law student and in 1901 the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him. In October of the same year, having been admitted to the Illinois bar, he began practice in Joliet in an office in the Young building which he has since occupied. Through the intervening period, covering a third of a century, he has here followed his chosen calling and has made steady progress as he has demonstrated his ability

to cope with the intricate and involved problems of the law. His knowledge of legal principles is comprehensive and exact and his presentation of a cause before the courts is ever clear and logical.

In 1901 Mr. Blatt married Miss Lulu E. Spotts, who passed away leaving two sons, George Nelson, and Lois Mae, and in 1918 he wedded Rosalie Gray. A believer in democratic principles, he has always been an active party worker, having served as precinct committeeman and as a delegate to various state conventions. On November 6, 1934, he was elected county judge and his ability in the professional field well qualifies him for the office. His life has ever been guided by high and honorable principles, in accord with his belief as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason and also belongs to the Mystic Shrine. All who know him entertain for him high esteem because of what he has accomplished in professional circles and by reason of his high standards of citizenship, continuously manifest in his devotion to all that pertains to the civic, social and moral progress of the community.

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#### PATRICK B. KELLY

Patrick B. Kelly, of Farmington, who is state investigator for the division of supervisors of paroles, was born in Monmouth, Warren county, Illinois, March 10, 1876, a son of Patrick A. and Mary (Dougall) Kelly. The family home was afterward established in Galesburg, where the father is still living, but the mother has departed this life. Patrick A. Kelly was a railroad man for many years but is now living retired, enjoying a period of rest which he has well deserved. In politics he has always been a democrat.

Patrick B. Kelly acquired his education in the schools of Biggsville, Henderson county, and of Galesburg, Knox county. In 1892 he started out in business on his own account as a barber in La Harpe, Illinois, and in 1896 he removed to Farmington, where he continued in the trade until 1933. His son, Owen J., became associated with him, and although the latter is now postmaster at Farmington, they still own an excellent shop which is profitably conducted. Mr. Kelly, however, has not been active in the conduct of the business since 1933, at which time he was appointed investigator for the Illinois Supervision of paroles, with headquarters at Springfield. He also has various real estate interests, having made wise investments in property.

In 1897 Mr. Kelly was married to Miss Alverda Anderson, of Farmington, and their only child is Owen J., who is mentioned above. At the polls Mr. Kelly is always found in democratic ranks and has been an earnest worker for the party. For fourteen years he efficiently filled the office of supervisor of Farmington township, being elected notwithstanding the fact that this is considered a strong republican township. For five terms he has served as mayor of Farmington, giving to the city a businesslike and progressive administration, and for three years he was on the board of review. For an extended period he has served as democratic committeeman and is recognized as one of the prominent representatives of the party in Fulton county. He is also widely known in fraternal circles, having membership with the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Moose and the Eagles, and to the purposes and principles of these organizations he is always thoroughly loyal.

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#### MARTIN BERNHART RUESCH

Martin Bernhart Ruesch, residing at 3116 Emmaus avenue, Zion, is serving as a member of the highway maintenance patrol. The greater part of his life has been spent in Zion, but he was born in Chicago, Illinois, April 27, 1899, his parents being John and Mary Ruesch. In 1900 the father brought his family to Zion, where they have since remained. Mary Ruesch has passed away, but her husband is still living.

After acquiring his education in the public schools of Zion, Martin B. Ruesch



learned and followed the machinist's trade, thus being actively connected with the industrial development of his community. In recent years, however, his attention and energy have largely been concentrated upon political interests. He was active in organizing the democrats of his community and has lived to see the democratic vote in Zion change from eleven to four hundred and forty-two in 1932, while in 1934 there were eight hundred and forty-two democratic votes cast. Mr. Ruesch has had considerable influence in bringing about this result. He has been an active party worker for eight years and he helped to organize the democratic forces four years ago. He has served as precinct committeeman in Lake county. He is now chairman of the Zion Democratic Voters League and was active in the establishment of the publication called "The Citizen," which is a monthly paper devoted to the rule of the people. He rejoices in what has been accomplished, as there were nine hundred democratic votes cast at the last primary in Zion, and he feels that he will see steady and continuous advancement in party strength. In February, 1932, he was appointed highway maintenance patrolman and has since served in this capacity.

In 1924 Mr. Ruesch was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Fletcher and they are the parents of a daughter, Gloria. Mr. Ruesch is well known in the ranks of the Modern Woodmen of America, having served as secretary of the local camp for eight years. He also aided in organizing the local Welfare Association and has been clerk thereof from the beginning. He is interested in all that pertains to the upbuilding and progress of the community and the benefit of the individual, and his work in behalf of public good has been far-reaching and resultant.

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#### MRS. ELVA LENA KINGSTON

Mrs. Elva Lena Kingston, of Shelbyville, who is a committeewoman and district treasurer of the democratic women's organization, was born in Herrick township, Shelby county, Illinois, a daughter of George and Donna (Corley) Stafford, both of whom are natives of Herrick, this state. The father is a carpenter by trade and has followed that pursuit as a life occupation. He and his wife now make their home in Mode, Shelby county.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the grade schools, Elva Lena Stafford enrolled as a pupil in the Herrick high school and was graduated in 1916. She then attended the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College at Charleston for a year and afterward engaged in teaching in the rural schools and in Herrick for three years. On the 2d of July, 1920, she became the wife of Raymond J. Kingston, of Shelbyville, who now occupies the position of operator of a coal mine and is a mine inspector. He is a member of Vanderpool Post, No. 81, of the American Legion of Shelbyville, having enlisted in this city on the 22d of February, 1918, as a member of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Infantry, attached to the One Hundred and Fifth Signal Corps. He embarked from Hoboken, New Jersey, for France. The vessel was seventeen days and nights in crossing the Atlantic and narrowly escaped attack by submarines in the English channel when making the crossing from Dover to Calais. Mr. Kingston participated in several major engagements and was gassed at Bellicourt, France. He took part in the Ypres offensive in July, 1918, in the battle of the Argonne and in all of the other important engagements in which the American forces participated up to the signing of the armistice. He was then with the Army of Occupation and was discharged at Camp Grant, April 12, 1919. He takes an active interest in the American Legion and was a delegate to the first national convention held at St. Louis in May, 1919. Following his return to Shelbyville he took up vocational training and finished a four years' course. Competing in a state examination for first-class mine manager, he became mine inspector of Shelby county. He also took two other examinations for state mine inspector, holding certificates for the work which he had done.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingston have become parents of three children, Margie Mae,





RAYMOND J. and ELVA KINGSTON



Rita Alice and Raymond J., all of whom are attending the grade schools. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kingston are stalwart democrats, as were their ancestors before them, and Mrs. Kingston has been a member of the county organization since its inception and is now secretary and treasurer thereof, while Mr. Kingston is a member of the county committee. The precinct in which they reside has always been republican by about one-third but at the past election gave a good democratic majority. Mrs. Kingston is a most earnest and effective worker because of her firm belief in party principles and occupies an outstanding position among the democratic women of Shelby county. She belongs to the American Legion Auxiliary, while her religious faith is indicated by her membership in the Church of Christ. Mr. Kingston is a Catholic.

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### CAPT. JOHN P. GOGGIN

The efficiency, effectiveness and promptness of the democratic program during the period of economic stress is well exemplified in the service rendered since November 15, 1933, by Captain John P. Goggin, of Chicago, Illinois, who, as district purchasing agent for the Civil Works Administration for Sangamon and thirteen adjacent counties, with headquarters in Springfield, has fully justified the national administration's faith in the value of the extensive plan for employment relief. Captain Goggin has had thorough military and civil training in engineering, has held positions of trust, and thus has been able to perform the duties assigned to him with accuracy and satisfaction to all concerned.

Captain Goggin is a native of Lynchburg, Virginia, where his birth occurred on the 20th of December, 1899, and he is a son of James D. and Rosetta (Lumsdale) Goggin. His father, of English extraction, was born in Virginia, also the mother, and they now make their home in that state.

Captain Goggin completed his schooling in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, and very soon afterward answered the call of his country to the colors. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Eleventh Engineers, and was in service overseas from December, 1917, until February, 1919, during which period he participated in all of the important movements of his unit, and was twice wounded—at St. Mihiel and in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. He was subsequently commissioned captain, and is now a member of the Quartermaster Corps Reserve and the American Legion.

The experience of Captain Goggin in civil engineering has been both extensive and varied. One of his first assignments after leaving the army was as assistant city engineer of Lynchburg, Virginia. He then became connected with the Virginia highway department, then with the Kentucky highway department, next with the Southern Railroad, followed by the Atlantic Coast. He was in private practice in Jacksonville, Florida, and was city engineer of Palatka, Florida. He returned to Lynchburg for a time, and following this came to Chicago, Illinois, where he became affiliated with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Captain Goggin's first contact with the Civil Works Administration was in the purchasing department in Chicago, which was the stepping stone to his appointment, on November 3, 1933, as purchasing agent for a district of fourteen Illinois counties, with his headquarters in the capital city, Springfield. He has been an ardent adherent of the democratic party and has given his efforts and ability in a most unselfish and loyal manner to assist in the growth of democracy and its principles in Illinois.

On December 3, 1930, Captain Goggin was united in marriage to Miss Bernice Ruek, daughter of one of Chicago's old and respected families. They have become the parents of one son, James.

The religious faith of Captain Goggin is that of the Roman Catholic Church, and he is a member of Our Lady of Mercy parish in Chicago, in which city his residence is also situated.

## EDMUND J. O'REILLY

On attaining his majority Edmund J. O'Reilly became affiliated with the democratic party, which he has always supported, and he now fills the position of deputy collector of internal revenue at Peoria. A native of Illinois, he was born in Lombardville, Stark county, September 10, 1897, his parents being Thomas and Josephine (Driscoll) O'Reilly, the former a native of Cork, Ireland, while the latter was born in Peoria. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Lawrence Driscoll, a veteran of the Civil war, who was living in Peoria at the time hostilities broke out between the north and the south. Accordingly he enlisted in a regiment which was raised here. He had become a pioneer settler of Peoria county, having taken up his abode on a farm at Oak Hill, on the outskirts of the city. He was a native of Ireland and was attracted to America by the opportunities and advantages offered in the new world. In the family of Thomas and Josephine (Driscoll) O'Reilly were five children: Julia, Mary, Thomas, Edmund and Margaret.

Edmund J. O'Reilly attended the schools of Peoria and also studied in Spalding Institute. He then entered railroad service as a clerk and also was employed for a time as a brakeman. Step by step he advanced until he rose to the position of cashier in the Peoria office of the Peoria Railway Terminal Railroad Company, acting in that capacity for a number of years. In 1933 he was appointed deputy collector of internal revenue and is now serving in that position. He has also filled the position of city license clerk through appointment of Mayor O'Brien and he is active in the organization of Junior Jeffersonians. His ancestors have long lived in this section of the state and the family has ever occupied a position among the respected and representative residents of Peoria county, a record which Edmund J. O'Reilly fully sustains.

## EARLE W. MUNDY

Earle W. Mundy, of Galva, who is filling the office of game warden, was born December 5, 1890, in the city where he still makes his home, his parents being Charles V. and Sattie (Crisman) Mundy, both of whom passed away when their son Earle was but an infant. After attending the public schools of Galva, Earle W. Mundy pursued night courses of study in Peoria, specializing in chemistry and the analysis of mixing iron. In his early boyhood he peddled newspapers, also worked in a box shop, as grocery boy and as delivery boy in a feed mill. He afterward became associated with the Hayes Company of Galva as an apprentice to the work of core making and iron moulding and remained with that firm for four years. He was later with the Holt Manufacturing Company at Kewanee, entering that employ in 1910, when he was given charge of the core room and was also made assistant foreman of the foundry. Subsequently he returned to the Hayes Company as foreman of the core room and the foundry, accepting the position with the privilege of not assuming his active duties until his health would permit. The company, however, recognized his capability and the value of his service and wished to retain him in its employ. Because of his health, however, he spent about a year in the open, working on a farm and in outdoor labors until February, 1913, when he resumed active connection with the Hayes interests, taking charge of the foundry and core rooms in January, 1919. Steadily he worked his way upward along those lines and his constantly increasing skill was widely recognized. He next became an apprentice at the boiler maker's trade in the plant of the Kewanee Boiler Company and thoroughly acquainted himself with every phase of the work. He was thus identified until April, 1933, after which he became an investigator for the department of conservation of Illinois on the 16th of May, 1933.

On the 7th of August, 1912, Mr. Mundy was married to Miss Minnie Goodley, of Cambridge, Illinois, and they have become parents of four children: Agnes



Lucille and James Sheldon, who are graduates of the high school of Galva, Illinois; Charles Wilbur, seven years of age; and Helen May, a little maiden of four summers. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church.

Mr. Mundy became an active democrat in 1912, giving his allegiance to President Wilson. However, he well remembers hearing his grandparents argue over the issues of Bryan's day and was inclined to follow the Bryan viewpoint. He worked in the cause of democracy before he had attained his majority, taking a very active interest especially at election times. The duties and responsibilities of citizenship have never rested lightly upon him. On the other hand he has met his obligations and at all times stands as a supporter of those movements which have been instituted with the public good in mind. Progressiveness has been his watchword, whether in business or in politics, and his efforts have been far-reaching and resultant.

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### EDWIN KOWITZ

Among Geneseo's well known citizens is Edwin Kowitz, a highway maintenance patrolman and one of the active democratic workers of Henry county. He was born in Geneseo, Illinois, July 13, 1900, a son of Rudolph and Martha (Obst) Kowitz, the former a native of Henry county, this state, and the latter of Germany. Rudolph Kowitz is a butcher by trade but is now engaged in excavation work. At one time he served as fire chief of Geneseo and he has always given unfaltering allegiance to the democratic party. Both he and his wife still make their home in the city where they have now resided for many years.

Edwin Kowitz pursued his education in the Geneseo schools and for a time engaged in farming. He also attended a plumbing school in Chicago but never actively followed the trade. Securing employment in the shop of the John Deere Harvester Company, he there continued for some time and in February, 1933, he became highway maintenance patrolman, which position he is still filling. He carefully looks after the public interests under his control and is proving a worthy representative of the democratic party, of which he has always been an active advocate since age conferred upon him the right of franchise.

On the 13th of May, 1933, Mr. Kowitz was married to Miss Mildred Swanson and they make their home in Geneseo, where they hold membership in the Lutheran Church and where they occupy an enviable position in social circles.

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### CHARLES J. WIGHTMAN

A well known insurance man of Waukegan, Charles J. Wightman has long been recognized as a democratic leader in northeastern Illinois. He was born in Lake county, June 7, 1872, his parents being Daniel and Amanda (Edwards) Wightman, the latter also a native of Lake county. The father was born in the state of New York but at the age of five years was brought to Illinois, the family home being established in Lake county, where as the years passed he followed the occupation of farming. He gave his political support to the republican party.

The public schools of Lake county afforded Charles J. Wightman his educational opportunities, and when his school days were over he went to Chicago, where he operated a milk route. Later he entered the insurance business and spent three years in Iowa, but in 1904 joined the sales force of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company and opened an office at Grayslake, Illinois. Recognition of his ability led to his appointment as general agent after a short time and about 1922 he opened offices in Waukegan, where his sons and daughters are now associated with him in the conduct of the business.

In his early manhood Mr. Wightman was closely associated with Colonel C. C. Morse, who served in the Civil war under General John C. Black. The Colonel converted Mr. Wightman to democracy and he cast his first vote in

support of candidates on the democratic ticket. Since then he has been recognized as a leader of the democratic party in his section of the state. He became a member of the democratic county central committee and with the exception of a few intervals has served continuously since his first election, while from 1912 until 1914 he was chairman of the committee. In 1913 he was appointed postmaster at Grayslake and filled the position for six years, at the end of which time he resigned. In 1932 he attended the democratic national convention in Chicago as a delegate at large and he has also been in attendance at several other national conventions, while for the past twenty years he has attended almost every state convention as a delegate. For one term he served on the Lake county board of review. As chairman of the county committee in 1912 he managed Governor Dunne's campaign in Lake county and his labors have always been productive of desired results. He is now a member of the executive committee of the democratic county committee and is also chairman of the Lake county farm debt adjustment committee, having been appointed to the committee by Governor Horner.

In August, 1893, Mr. Wightman was united in marriage to Cora M. Fenlon, a native of Lake county, Illinois, and they are the parents of three children, as follows: Elwyn F., who is associated with his father in the insurance business and who is married and has a daughter, Janet C.; Maneel C., postmaster of Grayslake, who is married and has a son, Charles J.; and Leone, who is Mrs. William Alkofer.

Not only is Mr. Wightman well known in insurance and political circles but also has a wide acquaintance by reason of his Masonic connections. He is a past master of Grayslake Lodge, A. F. & A. M., having been its head officer in 1903 and 1904. He belongs to the Royal Arch chapter at Waverly, Iowa, the Knights Templar commandery at Cedar Rapids and is a life member of El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He is likewise connected with Oriental Consistory in Chicago and thus has taken the degrees of both York and Scottish Rites. For thirty-one years he was one of the grand lecturers of Illinois and is now district deputy grand master of the twenty-first district. During the World war he acted as chairman of the Liberty Loan drives and the sale of War Savings Stamps for the town of Grayslake and was also chairman of the Red Cross. His cooperation has always been a factor in any movement for the general good and his entire life has been actuated by a spirit of progress and development that has led him to do effective work for any cause with which he has become connected.

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#### GEORGE V. B. WEEKS

George V. B. Weeks, a well known attorney of Ottawa, with offices in the insurance building, was born in this city, February 22, 1882, a son of Van Buren and Carrie Weeks, both of whom have passed away. He is also a great-grandson of Martin Van Buren, the eighth president of the United States. Van Buren Weeks, the father of G. V. B. Weeks, was born at Ellery, Chautauqua county, New York, May 11, 1840. He was accorded a liberal education in the Empire state and was admitted to the bar in 1864, engaging in general practice at Jamestown, New York, where he also taught in the public schools. In 1868 Mr. Weeks came to Illinois, living at Fulton, Whiteside county, until 1872, when he located permanently at Ottawa. Here he built up a substantial law practice and for the remainder of his active life was considered one of the leaders of his profession in Ottawa and La Salle county, as well as one of the pillars of the democratic party. He never missed attending a national convention of the party in forty years, and he probably contributed more to the party in proportion to his wealth than almost any other man in the country. He never aspired to public office, however, preferring that his service should be done as a private citizen, although for many years he was judge of the



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police court of Ottawa. In 1882 he was elected police magistrate, in which office he continued for twenty consecutive years, and the records of his court reveal many instances where he tempered justice with mercy, while his decisions were always impartial to rich and poor alike. Fraternally he was a member of Humboldt Lodge, No. 555, A. F. & A. M., a charter member of the Eastern Star and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. On the 19th of January, 1874, he married Miss Harriett A. Prie, of Jamestown, New York, whose death occurred February 26, 1887, in Ottawa, Illinois. Two children were born of this union, George Van Buren and Mary C. On the 15th of May, 1889, Mr. Weeks married Miss Harriett N. Green, of Plano, Illinois, who passed away November 17, 1916. Mr. Weeks died May 20, 1919.

George V. B. Weeks, after attending high school in Ottawa, spent two years as a pupil in a business college in this city. He then took up the study of law in Ottawa, reading for four years under the direction of the firm of Duncan & Doyle. After a thorough preliminary course he was here admitted to the bar in 1903 and has since engaged in active practice. Although advancement at the bar is proverbially slow, he has made steady progress and his ability is widely recognized, as is indicated by the large number of his clients. He is now attorney for ten state and national banks which are in receivership.

On the 6th of August, 1925, Mr. Weeks was united in marriage to Mrs. Madge Groenke, a daughter of John Vollman, who was a wagon manufacturer of Racine, Wisconsin. By her first husband Mrs. Weeks has two sons, Sherman and Edward, recent high school graduates. The family attend and hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Weeks has long been recognized as a prominent and influential citizen of Ottawa, where for eight years he filled the office of mayor, giving to the city businesslike and progressive administration whereby he accomplished much for municipal welfare. He was elected April 15, 1919, serving until May, 1927, during which time more public improvements were made than during any other like period. About eight miles of pavement were built and the bridge across the Fox river was constructed. The settlement of the city's interest in regard to the Illinois waterways was made during his administration, and the present sewerage system was built, as the old system had been rendered obsolete by the rise of the water level in the Illinois river. The channel of Goose Creek was diverted so as to remove flood waters from the city, into the Fox river, and complete new fire equipment was installed, which was badly needed. Mr. Weeks has been a candidate for congress and he is well known as an earnest supporter of the regular democratic organization. Along the line of his profession he is connected with the La Salle County Bar Association and his duties as an attorney claim the major part of his time and energies. He is most loyal to the interests of his clients and his highly developed powers in his chosen profession enable him to do most effective legal work for those whom he represents.

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#### WILLARD H. GUSTAFSON

Willard H. Gustafson, who is filling the position of deputy collector of internal revenue at Peoria, is recognized as one of the leading spirits among the young democrats of Illinois. He had been active for many years in the general advertising field before taking up his present duties and is widely known as a business man as well as a political leader.

Mr. Gustafson was born in Chicago in April, 1902, and was educated in the Manuel Training high school of Peoria and in the Bradley Polytechnic Institute of this city. He took the teachers' course but decided not to enter the educational field as a life work, preferring instead a commercial career. He therefore became associated with the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois and the Super-Power Corporation of Pekin, serving as operator, elec-

trician, and finally as load dispatcher. He next entered the advertising field as general publicity counsel, planning, writing and also selling advertising. He conducted his own agency for seven years and built up a business of gratifying proportions. In 1933 he accepted his present position as deputy collector of internal revenue and has a record to his credit that any might envy.

Mr. Gustafson has always voted with the democratic party and was one of the organizers of the Junior Jeffersonians of Peoria, of which body he served as the first president. He is strong in his ability to plan and perform and this makes his political service of marked value to the party. Fraternally he is a Mason who has taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite bodies and is a member of the Mystic Shrine.

#### EDWARD McGUIRE

Edward McGuire is serving as highway patrolman and makes his home in Manhattan, where he was born June 13, 1907. He is a son of William and Hattie McGuire. The father was a railroad man and a democrat and has now passed away. The mother is still living, she and her son Edward making their home together.

Edward McGuire acquired his education in the local schools and became a steamfitter's helper, learning and following the trade until February, 1933, when he was appointed a highway maintenance patrolman and is now serving in that position. He has always voted the democratic ticket and is an active worker in support of the party. He and his mother are members of the Christian Church, but as there is no congregation of that denomination in Manhattan, they attend and support the Evangelical Church. They are well known throughout the community in which Mr. McGuire has spent his entire life and where the sterling traits of his character have gained for him the friendship and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

#### JAMES PATRICK McMANUS

James Patrick McManus, city attorney of Toulon during the past decade and now master in chancery for six years, has for eighteen years been a prominent member of the Stark county bar and through this period has steadily advanced along professional lines, his ability winning him wide recognition. He has been a lifelong resident of this state, his birth having occurred near Henry, in Marshall county, April 20, 1892. His father, Patrick William McManus, was an outstanding democrat of this part of the state and on the party ticket was elected mayor of Bradford. He also filled the office of supervisor of Osceola township, Stark county, serving until his death, which occurred July 17, 1928. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Honorah Hickey, also gave her political allegiance to the democratic party.

James P. McManus attended the grade schools of Bradford and in 1906 entered St. Bede College at Peru, Illinois, as a high school pupil, there studying for a year. In 1907 he matriculated in St. Mary's College at St. Marys, Kansas, where he remained until 1910, and for a year thereafter he was a student in the College of the Holy Cross at Worcester, Massachusetts. In the fall of 1913 he enrolled as a law student in Loyola University of Chicago and in June, 1916, was graduated, having completed the three years' course, at which time the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him. On the 4th of October following he was admitted to the bar and opened an office in Bradford, where he made his initial step in the work of the legal profession. On the 2d of April, 1918, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations and enlisted at Toulon for service in the World war. From April until August he was at Camp Nichols, New Orleans, and then spent a few weeks at Camp Eustis, Virginia. On the 21st of October he embarked at Newport News and on the 3d of November landed at St. Nazaire, where he remained until the armistice was signed. However,

he was packed to leave for Brantirac at that date. He left France, January 23, 1919, and landed at New York on the 1st of February, after which he went to Camp Mills, Long Island, and thence to Camp Grant, Illinois, where he was mustered out March 4, 1919.

With his return from the war he resumed practice in Bradford, where he remained for a year and then removed his office to Toulon in March, 1920. Here he has remained continuously since, engaging in general law practice, and is well informed concerning all branches of jurisprudence. His practice has steadily grown in volume and importance and he is now accorded a large clientele.

On the 23d of November, 1920, in Bradford, Illinois, Mr. McManus was united in marriage to Catherine Grace Code, daughter of the late John Code, of Bradford, who was a lifelong democrat and contributed much to the success of the party in Stark county. Mr. and Mrs. McManus are the parents of four children, as follows: Margaret Clare, who is thirteen years of age; Mary Jean, a maiden of eleven summers; James P., a lad of eight years; and Catherine Joan, aged six.

Mr. McManus belongs to St. John's Catholic Church at Toulon and to the Knights of Columbus of Peoria. He is also a member of the Toulon Civic Club, of which he is a past president, and of the American Legion Post No. 416, of which he has served as adjutant and commander. In politics he has always been a democrat and in 1916 was candidate for state's attorney. At the present writing he is city attorney of Toulon, a position which he has filled for a decade, and for six years he has also been master in chancery. He has attended all of the state conventions of the party for the past ten years and attended the national convention in Chicago in 1932. He has been a member of the Stark county democratic central committee and has been county chairman for eight years.

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#### JOHN R. SHEEHAN

John R. Sheehan, the well known postmaster of Ohio, Bureau county, was born four miles north of the town, in East Grove township, Lee county, December 12, 1889, his parents being James and Ann (Gugerty) Sheehan. The mother is still living, but the father died when his son John was two years of age. He had followed the occupation of farming as a life work and he was a supporter of the democratic party.

John R. Sheehan acquired his education in the local schools of Ohio, Illinois, and early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops, for he was reared to farm life. After attaining sufficient age he operated the farm upon which he was born, giving to it his time and attention until he became postmaster of Ohio on the 18th of June, 1934. His mother had been postmaster in all for sixteen years, serving under Presidents Cleveland, McKinley and Wilson, and he is a worthy successor in the office. His mother has always been a staunch democrat, and John R. Sheehan has followed in her footsteps. In the early days there were only five supporters of the party in the village of Ohio, but Mr. Sheehan has lived to see a marked change in the political complexion of the community, as today the democratic party polls a large vote. The family are members of the Catholic Church, and he is identified with the Knights of Columbus. The family is well known in this section of Illinois, where representatives of the name have long resided, and John R. Sheehan is holding closely to the family traditions of loyalty and faithfulness to any cause which they espouse.

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#### HERBERT L. WRIGHT

Among the consistent followers of democracy in Elgin is numbered Herbert L. Wright, who is a native of the city in which he makes his home. He was born July 10, 1903, a son of Andrew Jackson and Emma (Henning) Wright, who are still residents of Elgin, where the father has long been well known as an active supporter of the democratic party.



In the schools of Kane county Herbert L. Wright pursued his education and when his course was completed he sought employment in the factory of the Elgin National Watch Company, working there for some time. He was also an employe of the International Harvester Company for a time and was thus closely associated with the industrial development of his community. He continued to serve in that field until he received appointment to a position on the state police force on the 6th of March, 1933. He has always voted with the democratic party, staunchly advocates its principles and served as precinct captain during the last campaign.

On the 10th of February, 1924, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Viola Ackman and they are the parents of a son, Howard Guy. Mrs. Wright is a member of the Evangelical Church, while Mr. Wright has membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and formerly he was also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His life has always been actuated by high and honorable principles and his sterling character worth is recognized by his many friends and indeed by all who know him.

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#### LAWRENCE A. BROWNING

Lawrence A. Browning is now postmaster of Montrose, but this is not the only office he has filled, having some years ago served as the chief executive of his town, and in all public connections he has proven his loyalty to the best interests of his community. He is also well known in commercial circles, having for about a quarter of a century been a leading merchant of Montrose. Mr. Browning has been a lifelong resident here. He was born in Montrose, November 20, 1876, his parents being Edward and Mary E. (Gibbons) Browning. His father was always a consistent democrat and for several terms served as committeeman of his precinct, and for a number of years filled the office of justice of the peace, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial, being based upon the law and the equity in each case.

Lawrence A. Browning obtained a common school education and when his textbooks were put aside learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a number of years. In 1910 he turned his attention to mercantile business, establishing a store which he has conducted to the present time. He carries a well selected stock of goods and has built up an excellent trade by reason of his reliable and progressive methods.

On the 3d of April, 1909, in Benton, Illinois, Mr. Browning was united in marriage to Miss Lulu D. Clark and they are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Browning attend and hold membership in the Methodist Church and do all they can to further its work and promote the moral progress of the community. Mr. Browning also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he has always been a democrat and has made a most creditable record in public office. He was appointed postmaster of Montrose in 1914, under the administration of Woodrow Wilson, and has most faithfully discharged the duties of the position for twenty years. In 1908 he was elected mayor of his town for a two-year term and administered municipal affairs with the same thoroughness and conscientiousness that he displays in the conduct of his private business interests. He also served as clerk of the village board for three terms.

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#### PEARL J. MORRISON

Recognized as a valuable democratic worker among the women voters of Peoria county, Mrs. Pearl J. Morrison is one of the small group of women who built up the organization of their party here, and is entitled to much credit for that which has been accomplished, having given liberally of her time and effort to bring about the gratifying results secured in the state and national elections.

Mrs. Morrison is a native of Brookfield, Missouri, and a daughter of Timothy





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and Mollie (Brott) Woolley, both of whom were natives of Illinois, the father having been born in Galva and the mother in Peoria, their respective parents having come to this state in pioneer times. Charles Brott, father of Mrs. Mollie Woolley, served in the Civil war with the Illinois forces. The Woolleys were originally from New York state, while the Brott family came to the middle west from Pennsylvania. Eventually, Timothy Woolley established himself in business in Oklahoma as a contractor, and it was in that state that his daughter, Pearl was reared and educated. She was one of a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters.

After spending her girlhood days under the parental roof, Pearl J. Woolley gave her hand in marriage to Zeanes A. Morrison in 1911 and moved from Oklahoma City to New Orleans, where two children were born to them, Walter A. and Ellen Elizabeth. In New Orleans she was affiliated with the Felicity Methodist Church and child welfare work. In 1918 she moved to Peoria, Illinois, and in 1919, a third child, Jack C. was born. She was the original director of the Parent Teachers Association, took an active part in the Union Mothers' Club, and also was prominent in church work in Peoria.

Mrs. Morrison worked for Bloek and Kuhl from 1924 until 1927 as a buyer and in personnel work. She traveled for the Masonic News from 1928 to 1932, when she left to take an active part in the campaign for Governor Horner. She soon was participating actively in politics of the second ward, serving as chairman of the second ward organization, also as vice chairman of the county organization, and subsequently as chairman. She was one of the leaders among the women in the campaign to support Al Smith for the presidency, and her labors for the party have been far-reaching and effective. She was appointed assistant superintendent of the State Employment Bureau in 1933 and has been serving in this office since early in the Horner administration.

Mrs. Morrison is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She also belongs to the King's Daughters and to the Woman's City Club of Peoria. She takes an active interest in civic and social work and does everything in her power to promote measures which she believes will prove helpful to the individual and to the community at large. She is well versed on the vital questions and issues of the day, political and otherwise, and her support of any measure is based upon an intelligent understanding thereof.

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### LESTER ROGER BACON

Lester Roger Bacon, of West McHenry, is serving as a member of the state police, to which position he was appointed on the 1st of March, 1933. He was born in McHenry, Illinois, July 22, 1897, a son of William and Zena (Potter) Bacon, both of whom are natives of Lake county, Illinois, the father having been born in 1870.

The curriculum of the public schools of McHenry claimed the attention of Lester R. Bacon in his youthful days or until he was graduated from high school with the class of 1916. In June of the following year he enlisted in the United States Army and was assigned to Company I of the Tenth Regiment of Infantry of the Fourteenth Division but later was transferred to Company I of the Seventy-seventh Infantry of the same division, at which time he was made a sergeant. He was on active duty with that command until discharged in February, 1919. When out of the army he returned to McHenry and that year he began traveling with the Hagenbeek & Wallace circus, taking part in a bag punching act with Jack Shadow, the world's champion blind bag puncher, the act being billed as Shadow & Bacon. He remained with the circus for one season, the pair punching seventeen bags at one time. From 1920 until 1930 Mr. Bacon was engaged in the well drilling business with his father and afterward various activities claimed his attention until he was appointed a member of the highway

maintenance police on the 1st of March, 1933. He has since served in this connection and is well qualified for the duties that now devolve upon him.

In 1920 Mr. Bacon organized the McHenry Rifle Club, of which he has since been a member, and he was a member of the Illinois Civilian State Rifle Team in 1930. He also belongs to the McHenry Married Men's Club and the McHenry Amateur Athletic Club. He maintains relationship with his old army comrades as a member of the American Legion and fraternally he is connected with the Masons. His political endorsement has always been given to the democratic party and his active connection therewith covers service as precinct committeeman, to which office he was elected in 1932 and re-elected in 1934. He never hesitates to do any service that he can render his party and his loyalty to democracy is above question.

In September, 1930, Mr. Bacon was united in marriage to Miss Eva Adams and they are the parents of two children, Lester Duane and Diane Lynn. Their religious faith is that of the Methodist Church.

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### MRS. ROBERT COLLYER BOURLAND

Among the best known and most prominent women of Rockford is numbered Mrs. Robert Collyer Bourland, who is chairman of the Women's Democratic Club of Winnebago county. It is not her political activity alone, however, that has given her prestige in this section of the state, for her interests extend to many fields. In fact every movement for the benefit and upbuilding of county and state and for the cultural development and the uplift of the individual receives her endorsement and support. Moreover, her native talents and highly developed powers well fit her for leadership and she is always called to executive position in connection with any organized movement with which she becomes associated.

Mrs. Bourland, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Mary Stimson, is a native of the neighboring state of Wisconsin, her birth having occurred in Appleton, Outagamie county. She is a daughter of James E. H. and Rebecca (Cuffe) Stimson. Her father, a native of Canada, became a resident of Appleton, Wisconsin, on crossing the border into the United States and there established the Stimson Studio, being one of the leading photographers of that city. His wife was born in Hortonville, Wisconsin, and died December 25, 1932.

Elizabeth Mary Stimson had the advantage of being reared in a family of prominence and culture and was accorded liberal educational opportunities. After attending the public schools she continued her education in Lawrence Academy and in Lawrence College of Appleton, Wisconsin, and then came to Rockford, Illinois, for the purpose of taking the nurses' training course in the Rockford Hospital. This engaged her attention until October, 1908, when she married Dr. Robert Collyer Bourland, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. She has been actively identified with every movement, local or state-wide, that has had for its purpose the advancement of the democratic cause. In 1916 she organized the Wilson Women's Club of Winnebago county and became its chairman. She also assisted in organizing the Winnebago County Women's Democratic Club, of which she has since been chairman, holding the office throughout the existence of the organization. In fact she has had charge of every important work done by the democratic women of Winnebago county since 1916. She possesses keen insight and broad vision and her labors have been most intelligently and effectively directed. She is a member of the Illinois Democratic Women's League of County Organizations, is chairman of its nominating committee, is serving on the membership committee and is a member of its executive board. She became the founder and president of the Jeffersonian Club of Illinois, which is affiliated with the National Women's Democratic Club, and she has established the Jeffersonian Club in Pontiac, this state. Through appointment of the governor she was a hostess at the Illinois Host House at A Century of Progress in 1933 and 1934. She has been a delegate or visitor to many state, congressional and judicial



conventions and attended the democratic national convention in Chicago in 1932. Since 1916 she has always supported the entire ticket of the party and as a party worker the effectiveness of her labors has been widely recognized by the leading democrats of the state. She closely studies political problems and can support her position by forceful argument, her reasoning being based upon sound logic and a thorough knowledge of facts and events.

Mrs. Bourland's activity in other fields has been equally valuable and comprehensive. She has twice been president of the Rockford College Association and is a member of the American Association of University Women. Two different times she has been elected to the presidency of the Rockford Garden Club and was instrumental in having the local club join the state organization. She was also the first executive chairman of the Rockford branch of the Flower and Fruit Guild and was elected to the board of the national organization. She takes the keenest interest in the cultivation of beautiful flowers and plants and her stimulus to activity of this character has added much to the loveliness of homes in Rockford and Winnebago county. Mrs. Bourland is also actively interested in many societies which are of direct benefit in alleviating hard conditions of life for her fellowmen. She is a member of the Winnebago County Red Cross and is chairman of the women's division of the Federal Housing Administration, which is a federal appointment. She belongs to the Rockford Women's Club, an organization of many hundred members, and was chairman of its program committee for several years. She belongs to the League of Women Voters, has been president of St. Margaret's Guild of the Emanuel Episcopal Church and chairman of the board of directors for the League of Hard Hearing. Her connection with those movements which have to do more largely with cultural uplift is shown in her association with the Mendelssohn Club. Mrs. Bourland is a member of the Rockford Business and Professional Woman's Club and she is chairman of the Winnebago County N. R. A. The extent of her labors and the value of her influence are immeasurable, but all acknowledge her to be one of the foremost women of Winnebago county and one who has added much to the joy of life through the development of those interests which are a stimulant to the worthwhile and enduring forces of human existence.

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#### JOSEPH SAMUEL PERRY

Joseph Samuel Perry, for several years an able attorney at the Chicago bar, is now serving as master in chancery of Du Page county and is one of the acknowledged leaders of democracy in his part of the state, serving at the present writing as the efficient and popular chairman of the democratic county central committee. He comes to Illinois from the south. His birth occurred near Carbon Hill, Walker county, Alabama, November 30, 1896, his parents being Jackson B. A. and Mary Elizabeth (Brown) Perry, the former also born in the vicinity of Carbon Hill.

Joseph Samuel Perry attended the public schools of Brilliant, Alabama, and the high school at Guin, that state, after which he entered the University of Alabama, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1923. He won his Master of Arts degree at the University of Chicago in 1925 and also that of Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1927. His preparation for life's practical duties, however, was not continuous. At the age of sixteen years he began teaching in a rural school in Marion county, Alabama, and thereafter devoted periods to teaching and to work in the coal mines and on farms. In 1917 he put aside all business and personal considerations to enlist in the United States Navy and he saw service in northern Russia with the first American forces at Murmansk and later at Archangelsk. He was afterward on duty in the North sea, then in the Adriatic and Mediterranean seas. Following his return to the United States in 1919, after the close of the war, he reentered school, pursuing his studies as opportunity permitted. He was an instructor in the Uni-

versity of Alabama in the summer sessions of 1921 and 1922. In 1923-4 he taught in the Barton Academy at Mobile, Alabama. He then entered the University of Chicago as an assistant in the department of social science and began his legal training there and taught evening classes in the Y. M. C. A. school at Central Y. M. C. A. College, Chicago. He afterward began teaching in the high school at Riverside, Illinois, before he was admitted to the bar in 1927, and he taught for one year after his admission to practice law. He entered upon the active work of the profession in 1928, in the Legal Aid Bureau of the United Charities, and subsequently was with the firm of Cannon & Poage of Chicago. In 1929 he became associated with Dunbar & Rich of Chicago, continuing that connection until July, 1933, when he was appointed master in chancery of the circuit court of Du Page county by Judge Max F. Allaben and is now presiding over that office. He was the democratic nominee for state's attorney of Du Page county in 1932 and made a good race, receiving over twenty thousand votes in a strong republican district. In 1933 he sponsored the nomination and managed the campaign of Max F. Allaben for circuit judge with the result that Judge Allaben was elected the first democratic circuit judge to occupy the bench of the sixteenth judicial district. In 1934 Mr. Perry was elected precinct committeeman and was unanimously chosen chairman of the democratic county central committee, so that he is now guiding the destinies of his party in Du Page county, where a substantial growth is being shown. In this capacity he directed the 1934 campaign in which two county officials were elected. Since he began his activities the democratic vote has grown from five hundred and thirty-five to twelve thousand three hundred and seventy-four. He has attended two national conventions as a visitor—in Houston, Texas, in 1928 and Chicago in 1932.

On the 9th of June, 1928, in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Perry was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Brookman, of Sparta, Wisconsin, and they have a son, John Thomas, born March 26, 1932, and a daughter, Maribeth Ann, born November 19, 1934. The parents hold membership in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and Mr. Perry also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Phi Beta Kappa, Gamma Eta Gamma, Kappa Delta Phi, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Illinois Veteran's League. In all the relations of life he measures up to high standards of manhood and citizenship and in his profession has always observed the highest ethics of the calling.

#### EDWARD F. QUIGLEY

Edward F. Quigley, special investigator for the department of state, is a well known resident of Galesburg, in which city he was born October 25, 1901. His father, Joseph P. Quigley, who was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 9, 1872, came to Galesburg in 1893, when a young man of twenty-one years, and has been engaged in the heating engineering business in this city for thirty-five years. In politics he has always been an active democrat. He married Benlah Annawalt, a native of Weston, West Virginia.

Their son, Edward F. Quigley, at the usual age entered the public schools and after completing his preliminary course studied in Columbia College at Dubuque, Iowa. He left college, however, in September, 1918, to enter the United States Navy, being then a youth of not quite seventeen years. He was in training at the Great Lakes naval station, was later sent to Charleston navy yard at Newport, Rhode Island, and was rated a ship fitter. He received his discharge April 4, 1920. With his return to Galesburg he became associated with his father in the heating engineering business and has since labored along this line.

Politics have also shared the attention of Mr. Quigley, who has voted with the democratic party since obtaining the right of franchise and who has always taken an active interest in party work. In 1932 he was elected a precinct committeeman and was re-elected in 1934. In the same year he was elected secretary



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of the democratic county committee. In May, 1933, he was appointed by Edward J. Hughes, secretary of state, to the office of special investigator of the automobile department. He has attended the last four democratic state conventions and was a delegate in 1930 and 1932. In the latter year he also attended the national convention held in Chicago, which made Franklin D. Roosevelt the standard bearer of the party. He is in hearty accord with the leading policies of democracy and his aid has been a potent force in bringing about further party development and growth here.

In 1925 Mr. Quigley married Miss Marie Immel, of Galesburg, and they have two sons, Edward, Jr., and William Joseph. Mr. Quigley belongs to the Catholic Church and is a Knight of Columbus. He also has membership in the Knox County Country Club and the Illinois Veterans League, and for a number of years was an active member of the American Legion. He has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

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#### OTTO RAMAN SCOTT, M. D.

Dr. Otto Raman Scott, engaged in the active practice of medicine and surgery at Chrisman, was born in Prairie township, Edgar county, Illinois, September 5, 1871, and of this county his parents, Samuel and Lueretia Ann (Jennings) Scott, were also natives. His people in the paternal line came to Illinois from Kentucky in pioneer times and his great-grandfather, Samuel Scott, entered land from the government. He took active and helpful part in bringing about the early development of his section of the state and aided in laying broad and deep the foundation upon which later progress was built. His grandson, Samuel Scott, Jr., father of the subject, followed the occupation of farming as a life work. He was a staunch and active democrat and held a number of township offices, while in his allegiance to the party and its candidates he never faltered. He passed away in 1916 and is still survived by his widow, who represents one of the old Illinois families, her people having come from Ohio to this state.

Otto R. Scott acquired his early education in the public schools and afterward attended the Central Normal School at Danville, Illinois, and the Illinois State Normal University at Normal. For two years he engaged in teaching in Edgar county but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional activity, for it was his desire to engage in the practice of medicine and accordingly he entered the Sterling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1898 with the M. D. degree. He then began practice at Metcalf, Illinois, where he remained for five years, and in 1903 he came to Chrisman, where he has since continued. Throughout the intervening years he has built up and enjoyed a large practice and at all times he has kept in close touch with the advancement of the profession along scientific lines, his broad reading and study keeping him well informed on the latest researches and discoveries.

In 1898 Dr. Scott was united in marriage to Miss Etta Bonwell, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bonwell and a representative of an honored pioneer family of Edgar county, Illinois. Dr. and Mrs. Scott are the parents of a daughter and a son, the former being Irene, who is a graduate of De Pauw University of Greencastle, Indiana, and is now teaching in the high school at Hammond, that state. Otto Raman Scott, Jr., a graduate of the University of Illinois, is engaged in the undertaking business at Marshall, this state. He married Hazel Donovan and has one child, Gretchen Irene.

The wife of our subject is quite active in democratic circles as a member of the Edgar County Women's Democratic Club and she also belongs to the Priscilla Club. Dr. Scott's activity in political circles dates from the time when he attained his majority and in 1916 he was elected county coroner, filling the office until 1920. He served as committeeman of Ross township from 1920 until 1922 and was again elected in 1934 for a two years' term. In 1934 he was a

delegate to the democratic state convention held in Springfield. On the 1st of September, 1933, he was appointed district health superintendent by Governor Horner and is now filling that office. He has been active in every campaign, supporting the entire ticket, and his faith in the value of democratic principles remains unshaken. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason who loyally follows the teachings of the craft and he also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while along strictly professional lines he is connected with the Aesculapian District Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

### GEORGE L. FOLEY

George L. Foley, a lifelong democrat, regarded as one of the old wheel horses of the party in Peoria county, is now serving as game warden and also holds the office of township supervisor. He makes his home in Mapleton, where he was born May 11, 1876, a son of W. E. and Catherine (Ganwitz) Foley, who were pioneer residents of this section of the state. George Ganwitz, an uncle of George L. Foley in the maternal line, was a soldier in the Civil war. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Foley, was a well known figure in the county, where for many years he engaged in building boats and ships for the river traffic, making his home at Kingston Mines.

George L. Foley was a miner, working in the coal fields for a number of years after leaving school, while subsequently he became a mine operator. He organized the Mapleton Coal Company and also the Foley Coal Company, and later, with his brother-in-law, James R. McCullough, operated mines at East Peoria. He sold these interests in 1930 and on August 15, 1933, was appointed game warden, which position he has since filled. Moreover, he is township supervisor, to which office he was first elected in 1921, serving continuously to the present time, his thirteen-year tenure of office proving his capability and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen.

In early manhood Mr. Foley was united in marriage to Miss Margaret J. Wright, a native of England and a daughter of William and Margaret Wright. Mr. and Mrs. Foley are the parents of two sons and a daughter, namely: Paul J.; George W.; and Catherine, the wife of George Winters. Mr. Foley is a member of the Knights of Pythias. His entire life having been spent in this section of the state, he is well known here and by reason of the substantial qualities he has displayed in business and political connections he has gained the warm regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

### S. PHILEMON STOUT

One of the best known families of Sangamon county is the Stout family, long actively identified with farming interests here. In fact it was in pioneer times that representatives of the family settled in this section of the state, where "Uncle Philemon" Stout, as he was familiarly called, was a leading and influential citizen. He was the grandfather of the gentleman whose name introduces this review and whose parents were Samuel and Miriam (Davidson) Stout, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. S. Philemon Stout was born on the old family home stead in Ball township, Sangamon county, June 9, 1885, and at the usual age became a public school pupil in his home locality, while later he attended high school in Pleasant Plains, following this with a two years' special course in the College of Agriculture at the University of Illinois, covering the years 1904 and 1905.

Mr. Stout's political endorsement at the polls is always given the democratic party and for five years he has served as precinct committeeman in Woodside township, while for one term he was collector in Ball township and has always been a judge on the election board in this township. He is serving on the school board of the Ball township high school and he is interested in every measure that pertains to the material, intellectual and social progress of his community.

## JAMES HENRY ELLIOTT

James Henry Elliott, a lumber merchant of Danville, was born near Sidell, Vermilion county, Illinois, June 2, 1876, a son of Richard M. J. and Jane (Jackson) Elliott. The father followed farming throughout his entire life and thus supported his family, which numbered seven children: William H.; Harrison G.; Nancy Ann, deceased; Erma F.; James H., of this review; Josephus, who has passed away; and Charles C.

James H. Elliott obtained his early education in the schools of Vermilion county and later attended the Northern Illinois Normal School at Dixon, from which he was graduated in 1895. He afterward took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for eleven years in the county schools and in the high school of Oakwood, devoting four years to instruction in the latter institution. Following this he engaged in the retailing of lumber and building materials. In 1922 he incorporated the Elliott Lumber Company, of which he became the first president and in which capacity he is still serving.

Mr. Elliott comes of an old-line family of democrats, two of his ancestors were American Revolutionary Soldiers as proven Book C, Report 83 Hillsborough District—N. C. He cast his first vote for William Jennings Bryan in the campaign of 1900 and has been an active party worker. He became democratic county chairman in 1918 and so continued until 1928. In 1930 he was re-elected and served until 1932. On the 15th of May, 1933, he was appointed by Governor Horner to the office of Industrial Arbitrator. He had served as a member of the board of supervisors from 1910 until 1912, had been the democratic candidate for county auditor and was candidate for congress in 1928. Four years later he served as democratic presidential elector from his district and he has been untiring in his efforts to promote the success of the party and secure victory for its candidates.

On the 22nd of March, 1900, Mr. Elliott was united in marriage to Miss Verna O. Villars, daughter of George H. and Martha (Brewer) Villars, of Vermilion county, Illinois, her father being a carpenter by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott had one child, who died in infancy. Mr. Elliott is a member of Further Light Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Knights of Pythias.

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JOHN P. DROMEY

John P. Dromey, connected with the purchasing and booking department of the Publix Theatres, makes his home at 1616 Victoria street, North Chicago. He was born April 27, 1892, in the Illinois metropolis, a son of John C. and Mary (Callahan) Dromey, both of whom were natives of Ireland. They were married in London and after coming to the new world settled in Chicago, where the father was employed as a stationary engineer by the city. He was always a staunch democrat and lived in Pat Carr's ward, where he was an active precinct worker.

John P. Dromey attended St. Bridget's school in Chicago and the St. Ignatius high school and college. He started out in the business world as a private secretary to one of the executives of Swift & Company. He entered the film industry with the Mutual Film Corporation as assistant purchasing agent and so continued until this country became involved in the World war. In 1917 he entered the United States Army with the ordnance department, going to the officers' training school at Camp Lee, Virginia, where he was commissioned as second lieutenant. When hostilities were over he returned to his old position, the firm, however, having become the Robinson & Cole Company. He remained as their purchasing agent until 1924, when he was employed by Balaban & Katz in their buying and booking department. This company evolved into the present Paramount-Publix organization, with which he is still connected. In 1922 he removed to North Chicago, where he opened the first motion picture theatre, own-



ing and operating it until 1929. He is today a well known and prominent representative of the Hollywood industry in northeastern Illinois.

In 1920 Mr. Dromey was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Sharkey, of New York city, and they are the parents of two children, John C. and Anita G. Mr. Dromey is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He also belongs to the Glen Flora Country Club of Waukegan and is a member and treasurer of the North Chicago Democratic Club. In Chicago he was very active in party affairs and served as precinct committeeman in the eleventh ward. After his removal to North Chicago he became a stalwart worker here and in 1928 became one of the organizers of the Democratic Club of Lake County. In 1930 he was elected a member of the county central committee and served for two years, while in 1934 he was again elected to the same position. In March, 1934, he was appointed public administrator for Lake county by Governor Horner. For two years he filled the position of alderman in North Chicago and on one occasion was the democratic candidate for mayor. He is now president of the Lake County Ex-Servicemen's Democratic Club and he is very active in the American Legion, being now commander of Sharvin Post, No. 397 of North Chicago. He is also state chairman of the motion picture committee of the American Legion. His interests are broad and varied and his activities are of a helpful character—helpful to the business with which he has long been connected, to the political party which he represents and to the community in which he lives

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#### GROVER CLEVELAND BROWN, M. D.

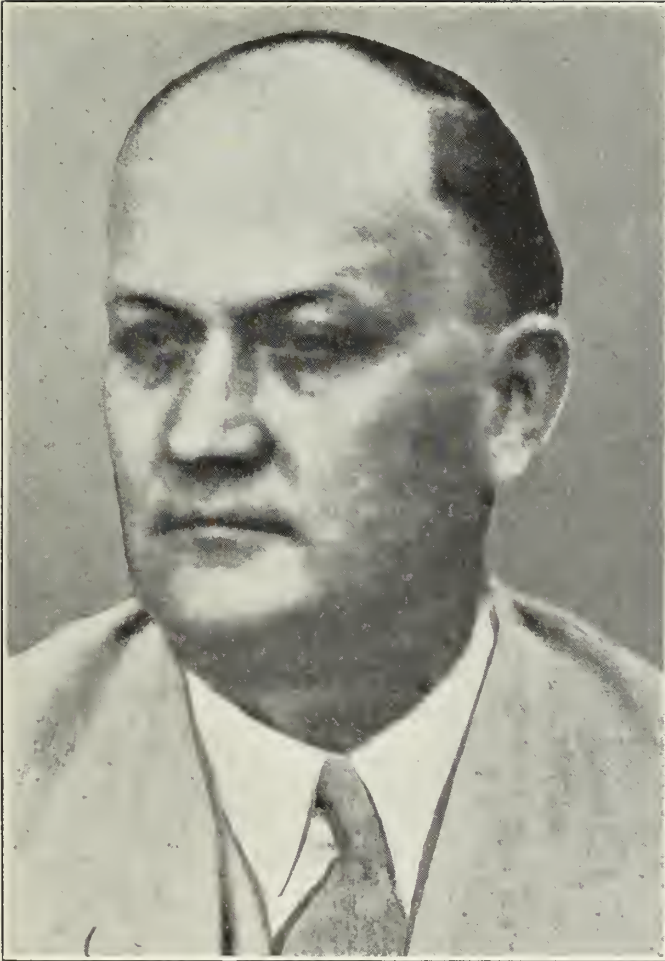
Dr. Grover Cleveland Brown, who has engaged in the practice of medicine in Sainte Marie since 1907 and who throughout this entire period has been a stalwart advocate of democratic principles and an active party worker, was born in Jasper county, Illinois, March 26, 1885. He is a son of Thomas Jefferson and Priscilla A. (Bridges) Brown. The mother's people came from Virginia to Illinois in 1850, settling in Jasper county. The father, who was born in Jasper county in 1842, was a preacher of the Missionary Baptist Church, a farmer and a school teacher, giving much of his time to educational interests, the value of which he thoroughly recognized as a factor in good citizenship. In politics he was a staunch democrat and held several township offices.

Grover C. Brown acquired his education in grade and high schools of Jasper county and then, having determined to make the practice of medicine his life work, he went to St. Louis, where he matriculated in the Barnes Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1906 with the M. D. degree. For six months thereafter he practiced at Cyrene, Missouri, and in 1907 he opened an office in Sainte Marie, where he has remained continuously since, successfully devoting his time and attention to a practice that has steadily grown in volume. He reads widely along professional lines, thus keeping in touch with the advanced thought concerning medical science, and he has membership in the Jasper County Medical Society, of which he has been the secretary for fifteen years, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

In 1911 Dr. Brown was married to Miss Georgiana M. Spitzer, of Sainte Marie. He belongs to the Catholic Church and has membership with the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Knights of America as well as with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen.

With the attainment of his majority Dr. Brown cast his first vote for the candidates of the democratic party and since that time has maintained a steadfast interest in party growth and development. For a number of years he has been a member of the Jasper county central committee and has served continuously as its chairman since 1926, thus being most active in directing the work of the party in this locality. He has attended many state conventions and also the congressional and judicial conventions through many years. For a considerable period he has done active campaign work for the whole ticket





DR. GROVER C. BROWN



throughout Jasper county and the results he has achieved have placed him in a position of leadership in democratic circles. For several years he has served on the board of trustees of Sainte Marie and he was appointed district health supervisor of the fourteenth district by Governor Henry Horner.

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### E. I. HARRISON

E. I. Harrison, a well known and successful Architect of Peoria who has been an interested factor in the democratic party, although never an office seeker, was born in Bloomington, Illinois, August 26, 1897, a son of E. G. and Alletta D. (Burwell) Harrison, whose family numbered four children. The ancestral line can be traced back to early colonial days, and in both the paternal and maternal lines they came from Virginia, being members of the noted Harrison family of that state who were conspicuous for the part they played in connection with the Revolutionary war. This family has furnished many statesmen to the nation, including two presidents. His grandfather, E. G. F. Harrison was born in Virginia and on removing westward settled on an extensive farm in De Witt county, Illinois. His father, E. G. Harrison, later moved to Bloomington, Illinois.

E. I. Harrison pursued his education in the schools of Bloomington, Illinois Wesleyan University, and the University of Illinois, where he won his Bachelor of Science degree in the college of Architecture. He had determined to take up and follow the Architectural profession and in 1926 he established his office in Peoria. His success has been pronounced in the general field of his profession. He thoroughly understands all of the scientific principles which underlie his work and his efforts have been far-reaching and resultant. He has served as Architect for and designed many leading structures of this city and surrounding territory, and his patronage is extensive.

Mr. Harrison served during the World war in the United States Army at Kelly Aviation field, San Antonio, Texas, where he was commissioned the rank of lieutenant. He served at Wilber Wright Aviation field near Dayton, Ohio, and served as an instructor in flying at Ellington Aviation field, near Houston, Texas. Fraternally he is a Mason of high rank, having taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite up to and including the thirty-second degree in the Consistory. He is also a member of the Mystic Shrine and he belongs to Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity and to the University Club of Peoria. He is an appraiser in the Peoria district for the Home Owners Loan Corporation, as well as maintaining his extensive professional practice. He has never been an office seeker, preferring at all times to perform his public service as a private citizen. He is a member of the American Institute of Architect. His activities in the architectural profession have made ample demands upon his time and energies, and by his ability he has steadily risen to a place of prominence.

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### MARGUERITE DOROTHY LONG

Marguerite Dorothy Long, the popular postmaster of Princeville, Peoria county, is an energetic and very valuable unit in the democratic organization of the county, working earnestly and effectively for the party welfare. A native of Stark county, Illinois, she is a daughter of William and Catherine (Noonen) Long, the former a native of Stark county and the latter of Peoria county. The paternal grandparents of Miss Long were early settlers of Stark county, while her grandparents in the maternal line established their home in Peoria county at an early period in its development. Her father was a farmer of Stark county and held a number of local offices there, to which he was elected on the democratic ticket, being always a staunch advocate of the party. To him and his wife were born seven children. Two of the sons, William and James, are active in Stark county politics and served in several minor elective offices, James being a tax collector. William is a veteran of the World war, having done service

overseas. A sister, Theresa, taught school in Stark county and is now the wife of Joseph Ryan. The others of the family are: Mary, the wife of John Hickey; Catherine, the wife of William Gill; Ella, who married Joseph Carroll; and Marguerite Dorothy, of this review.

The last named was educated in the Stark county schools and at Princeville high school and at the Academy of Our Lady at Peoria. About nineteen years ago the family established their residence in Princeville, where Miss Long has served in various positions of public trust. She was bookkeeper for the Val Weber Company, was assistant at the Edgar Trethway Funeral Home and was with the Farmers State Bank. She was appointed acting postmaster February 6, 1934, a fact indicative of her connection with the democratic party. She has served as chairman of the Fourth Division of the Democratic Women's Organization, including the townships of Princeville, Akron, Jubilee, Millbrook, Brimfield, Rosefield and Radnor. She has also served as second vice president of the Peoria County Women's Democratic Organization. She is greatly interested in the vital questions and problems of the day and she is untiring in her efforts to further the public good. She was a member of the Red Cross Committee in Princeville and she served as president of the Alumni Association of the Princeville high school.

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#### FLOYD WELLS

Floyd Wells, a farmer and now postmaster of Barry, was born October 3, 1877, at Kinderhook, in Pike county, where the family has been represented for many years. His father, Joseph Wells, was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, July 11, 1849, and for three years he served in the United States Navy, receiving his discharge in 1867. He was a stonemason by trade and after coming to Illinois he spent practically the remainder of his life in Pike county with the exception of a two years' residence in Texas and five years in Denver, Colorado. He was married September 10, 1868, to Miss Helen Churchill, who was born in Kinderhook, Illinois, July 7, 1851, and died June 20, 1909, Mr. Wells surviving until called to his eternal rest February 20, 1929.

Floyd Wells attended the public schools of Kinderhook and in young manhood worked on a railroad but since 1908 has given his attention to farming in Barry township, owning one hundred and sixty acres of land about two and one-half miles northwest of the city of Barry. For the past twenty years he has operated a dairy and owns a herd of fine Jersey cattle.

On the 19th of March, 1904, Mr. Wells married Miss Tenia Hallau, a daughter of Bernard and Melicia Hallau. They have reared three boys, Kenneth E., Otis L. and Russell B., whom they did not adopt but have cared for and educated as though they were their own.

Mr. Wells has long been a loyal democrat and began taking an active interest in party work in 1896. He has served as school trustee and as school director, in 1930 was elected a member of the county democratic central committee, serving until 1934, and is now acting postmaster of Barry.

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#### WILLIAM H. DABLER

For twenty-eight years William H. Dabler has engaged in the hardware business in Manlius, a fact that is indicative of honorable business principles, marked enterprise and unfailing application. He has gained a substantial measure of success and occupies a place among the representative citizens of his community. Mr. Dabler was born in Manlius township, Bureau county, Illinois, August 24, 1864, a son of Daniel and Sarah (Keen) Dabler, who were early settlers of Manlius township. The father came to Illinois from Pennsylvania and was an active democrat of his community. Both he and his wife have now passed away.

In the rural schools William H. Dabler acquired his education and then





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entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad as a freight conductor, occupying the position for twenty years. He afterward established his home in Fulton, Illinois, and later was a partner in the firm of Dabler & Dabler at Manlius, his associate being his brother. They opened a hardware store, which they conducted successfully, and after a time a change in the partnership led to the adoption of the present firm style of W. H. Dabler & Sons. Almost three decades have passed since the senior partner entered the hardware trade in Manlius and throughout the entire period he has ranked with the leading and enterprising merchants of the community.

In 1901 Mr. Dabler was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Allen and they became the parents of a son and a daughter. The former, Harry Lynn, who formerly engaged in teaching, is now manager of an outing camp in the Adirondacks in New York state. Gladys is the wife of E. D. Van Ormer, a grocery merchant of Manlius. In February, 1910, Mr. Dabler was again married, his second union being with Drucilla Fagan who comes of Irish Canadian ancestry and represents an honored old family of Arlington, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Dabler have four children, John W., Francis L., Helena and Genevieve, all residents of Manlius.

Mr. Dabler cast his first presidential vote in Iowa, supporting Grover Cleveland. With the exception of the five-year period spent in that state he has constantly lived in Illinois and he has always given his support to the democratic party. For twenty years he has been precinct committeeman and still fills the office. He has served as a member of the city council at Fulton and at Manlius and for two terms has been township clerk of Manlius township, while his eldest brother was at one time a member of the state legislature from this district, elected on the democratic ticket. W. H. Dabler has been a member of the Knights of Pythias since 1887 and he also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He possesses many sterling traits of character, as his large circle of friends attest, and he is widely and favorably known in his native county.

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#### FRANCIS L. DABLER

Francis L. Dabler has the distinction of being probably the youngest postmaster in the state, filling the office at Manlius, Bureau county, where he was born on the 3d of April, 1912. He is a son of William H. and Drucilla (Fagan) Dabler, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, he acquired his education in the Manlius schools, passing through consecutive grades to the high school, from which he was graduated in 1929. When his textbooks were put aside he joined his father in the hardware business and thus assisted him for more than four years, or until the 25th of October, 1933, when he was appointed postmaster, having received the appointment about six months after he had attained his majority.

On the 29th of September, 1933, Mr. Dabler married Miss Mary Sue Buxton. He is a member of the Fidelity Life Association and is well known in the community where he lives, having here spent his entire life.

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#### JOHN D. MARTIN

John D. Martin, of Bureau, is filling the office of superintendent of the state game farms. Born in Putnam county, Illinois, October 13, 1870, he is a son of John C. and Bridget Ann (Kelly) Martin, who were early residents of Putnam county. Both the paternal and the maternal grandfather of John D. Martin were natives of Ireland and the latter was a shoemaker by trade, while in politics he was an active democrat after coming to the new world.

John D. Martin was educated in the local schools and was reared to farm life, remaining in Putnam county until nineteen years of age. He then went to Chicago, where he resided for two years and nine months, being employed during

that period by Armour & Company, meat packers. In 1893, when the canal was being built, he became a bartender at Bureau and later owned and conducted a saloon, continuing in that line of business for himself for sixteen years or until the enactment of prohibition. For some years thereafter he lived retired but on the 15th of July, 1933, became superintendent of the game farms of Illinois. He was actually in the position from May 1, 1933, but did not take up the duties of the office until the middle of July following. He had charge of the preparation of the fish and game exhibit for the state fair, a demonstration of fish and game raised in Illinois, the idea being presented in both live and stuffed animals and birds. The exhibit also showed the animals and birds which are detrimental to game, including crows, hawks, owls and weasels, and the way in which they destroy.

On the 3d of June, 1897, Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Reavy. He belongs to the Catholic Church and fraternally is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and was formerly a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Always an active democrat, he served as precinct committeeman for fifteen years and has frequently been a delegate to party conventions. He is a member of the Princeton Game and Fish Club and has always taken deep interest in fishing and hunting, having now the Board of Trade diamond badge for shooting. He has by reading and by observation closely studied the habits and the habitat of both fish and game throughout the state and is able to speak with authority upon everything relating to the wild life of Illinois, so that he is well qualified for his present position.

#### E. MAURICE SMITH, M. D.

Dr. E. Maurice Smith, a physician of more than local note, particularly well known as an X-ray specialist practicing his profession in Mount Vernon, was born in Vermilion county, Illinois, July 5, 1868, a son of Bluford Jackson and Diana (Sigler) Smith, who were also natives of that county. The paternal grandfather, Bluford J. Smith, Sr., was born in Tennessee, July 6, 1806, and afterward resided near Bowling Green, Kentucky, for a time but prior to the Civil war came to Illinois, settling near Georgetown, in Vermilion county. In pioneer times he fought in the Black Hawk war, later returning to his home in Vermilion county. His son and namesake there followed farming for a number of years, afterward engaged in the insurance and real estate business and became widely known not only by reason of his business activity but also because of his stalwart championship of the democratic party and its principles. He served on the democratic county central committee for several years and attended many state conventions of the party. He received appointment from President Cleveland to the position of postmaster of Georgetown.

While the family were residents there Dr. E. Maurice Smith attended the public schools, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. His course finished, he began working, and while employed took up the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. Thomas Benton Plowman, of Georgetown. He next entered the Medical College of Indiana and continued his reading under the preceptorship of Dr. Plowman. At his graduation on the 1st of March, 1889, the M. D. degree was conferred upon him and he located for practice in Cayuga, Indiana, where he remained five years. He spent the succeeding period of four years in the state of Oregon, after which he returned to Georgetown, Illinois, where he practiced for several years before removing to Danville, this state. There he successfully followed his profession until this country became involved in the World war, when his patriotic spirit prompted his enlistment in the United States Medical Corps, with which he served for eighteen months overseas. He was stationed most of the time at Base Hospital No. 26 at St. Aignan, France, and following his return to the United States he remained for a time in the service, being stationed at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, as chief of the





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X-ray department of the General Hospital. He was next appointed surgeon in the United States health service at Alexandria, Louisiana, where he was again chief of the X-ray work. Later he was transferred to Baltimore, to Fort McHenry having charge of the same kind of work in the United States Veterans Hospital, where he remained until transferred to California in charge of X-ray service in Palo Alto, the home town of President Hoover. He was afterward in St. Louis, Missouri, with the United States public health service, remaining there until his time expired in 1925, when he came to Mount Vernon, Illinois, and opened his present office. Here he specializes in X-ray work and physiotherapy and he is an acknowledged authority in his particular field, his efficiency being based upon wide experience and comprehensive study. He has at all times kept in touch with the latest advances of the profession in his chosen line. He belongs to the staff of Mount Vernon Hospital, is a member of the Jefferson County Medical Society, of which he was president in 1932, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He has written various articles on Familial Neurotrophic Osseous Atrophy for publication in the American Medical Journal.

In 1914 Dr. Smith was married to Jane Falls, a daughter of Stephen Douglas and Laura Ann (Camper) Falls, who were natives of Indiana but representatives of old Virginia families. The father followed the occupation of farming as a means of livelihood and gave his political support to the democratic party.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Smith are staunch in their support of democratic principles and are always active in every campaign, working for the candidates of the party. Together they covered thirty-two counties in the last campaign, speaking again and again for democratic principles. They are both members of the Jeffersonian Club and they were visitors at the democratic national convention held in Chicago in 1932. They also attend all the local conventions of the party and Mrs. Smith was one of the organizers of the Jefferson County Women's Democratic Club, of which she is now the recording secretary. Dr. Smith has membership in the Masonic fraternity, in the Military Roentgenological Society of America and in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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#### DANIEL F. MAHER

Daniel F. Maher resides in Sheffield, Illinois, where he was born November 30, 1877. His parents, William and Alice Maher, came from Ireland in early life, establishing their home in Sheffield in 1863, and here the father became a coal miner and railroad man. From the time when he obtained the right of franchise he voted with the democratic party and was always vitally interested in its success, working in every possible way to promote its victories at the polls.

Daniel F. Maher was educated in Sheffield and he, too, worked on the railroad and in the coal mines in his early manhood. In fact he scorned no employment that would yield him an honest living and did various jobs. At length he became a clerk in the general store of Dewey Brothers of Sheffield, where he continued until, having carefully saved his earnings, he was enabled to engage in business on his own account in 1911. It was at that date that the present firm of Runft & Maher was organized and they opened a hardware store in Sheffield which they still conduct, having built up a substantial and growing business. Mr. Maher has always been actuated by a spirit of progress and enterprise and his efforts have gained him a position among the leading merchants of Bureau county.

In September, 1923, Mr. Maher was united in marriage to Miss Anna McCaffery, of Denison, Iowa, and they are the parents of a daughter, Alice Ann. The family attend the Catholic Church, being communicants of St. Patrick's at Sheffield. A stalwart democrat since attaining his majority, Daniel F. Maher has served as precinct committeeman for the past twenty years with the exception of a two year period, and he is also a member of the county executive committee.

At the present writing he is field agent in the gas division of the finance department of Illinois, and he formerly served as local tax collector and as village clerk, filling both offices at the same time, from 1909 until 1913. He attended the state convention on April 19, 1934, and was present at the recent Farley Day in Springfield and was also present at the inaugural of Governor Horner. Two years ago his precinct went democratic for the first time in history and it was the only precinct in the thirty-seventh senatorial district in which Horner ran ahead of Roosevelt. Mr. Maher belongs to the Community Club, of which he was formerly president, and his interest in the public welfare and general development of this section has been manifest in many tangible and practical ways.

#### EVERETT MERLE MATTSON

Everett Merle Mattson, a resident of Watseka, connected with the state highway department, was born in Mason City, Illinois, April 30, 1895, a son of John B. and Laura (Holmes) Mattson. He acquired a public school education in his native city, and he was married in Watseka on the 28th of January, 1916, to Miss Mildred C. Conover, who is considered the most diligent worker in the Watseka women's democratic committee.

Mr. Mattson's business activities have been concentrated upon automobile mechanical work for the last ten years. He became a resident of Watseka in 1924 and on the 13th of February, 1933, became connected with the state highway department, with which he has since been associated. He has always given his political support to the democratic party, has attended some of the county conventions and has always worked for the principles in which he believes.

#### L. L. WEIR

L. L. Weir, since 1911 editor and owner of the Weekly Messenger, a newspaper of Pleasant Hill, was born in Calhoun county, Illinois, November 8, 1890, his parents being John E. and Eva (Tilly) Weir. The mother was born in Calhoun county, this state, August 10, 1868, and the father in Clarinda, Iowa, March 22, 1863. John E. Weir is now a farmer of Calhoun county, where he has lived from the age of fourteen years, having located in the county with his parents in his boyhood days. He takes an active interest in local affairs of the democratic party and for about twenty years has served as county highway commissioner.

The public schools of Calhoun county accorded L. L. Weir his educational opportunities and when a youth of seventeen he started out to provide for his own support by beginning the publication of a little paper on the home farm, with the smoke-house as his printing office. He worked in the fields or at other farm labor during the daytime and by lamp-light at night he set type for the Calhoun News. In 1909 he removed the paper to Kampsville, where he published it for two years and then sold out in 1911. In September of the same year he located at Pleasant Hill, where he purchased the Weekly Messenger. His cash capital at that time consisted of only a few cents and he bought the paper solely on credit. He has edited it continuously for twenty-three years and has made it a journal that is creditable alike to the community and to the publisher.

Mr. Weir is a stalwart champion of anything that pertains to the welfare of his community and for fifteen years he has done efficient service for education as a member of the school board. For the past twelve years he has been a justice of the peace. In the spring of 1930 he was elected democratic precinct committeeman, was re-elected in 1932 and again in 1934. During this time he has been instrumental in winning for the party the largest majorities that have ever been accorded in this precinct and his is the largest voting precinct in Pike county. He has made the Messenger a feature in advancing the interests of democracy and his able editorials attract wide and favorable attention.

On the 15th of August, 1914, Mr. Weir was married to Miss Hallie Gill,





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a daughter of T. A. Gill, and their children are seven in number: Clarence, a sophomore in the Illinois College at Jacksonville; Carolyn, a student in the Pleasant Hill Community High School; Helen, attending the same school; Lee, Paul, Floyd, and Bobbie.

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### JOHN D. McCULLOUGH

John D. McCullough, of Oblong, was appointed investigator of motor fuel tax for the State on the 27th of March, 1933. This indicates his connection with Illinois Democracy, of which he has been a supporter since attaining his majority. He has always been a public-spirited citizen, which was clearly manifest in his response to the call for service in the World war. Mr. McCullough is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred at Florence, that state, February 12, 1900, his parents being Robert K. and Cora (Dow) McCullough. His paternal grandfather was a soldier of the Civil war, serving with the Union troops.

The establishment of the family home in Illinois during the boyhood days of John D. McCullough enabled him to complete his education in the high school of Oblong. When his school days were over he sought a means of providing for his own support and obtained employment in the oil fields near Oblong. There he worked his way steadily upward by reason of industry and fidelity and in 1923 he was promoted to the responsible position of superintendent of oil production, continuing to serve in that capacity for ten years, a fact indicative of the trust reposed in him by those he represented.

On the 8th of March, 1922, in Terre Haute, Indiana, Mr. McCullough was united in marriage to Miss Geraldine Stuckey and they are the parents of a son, John Robert.

As previously stated, Mr. McCullough is a veteran of the World war, having enlisted June 16, 1918, and saw active service with the Ninety-fifth Company, Sixth Regiment, U. S. Marine Corps of the Second Division, with which he served overseas to July 15, 1919. He belongs to the American Legion, thus maintaining close connection with the other Illinois youths who, like himself, donned the khaki garb that indicated their willingness to defend American ideals. He has always voted the democratic ticket and has attended several county and state conventions, being a delegate to the state convention in Springfield in 1932. He has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, but on the 27th of March, 1933, was appointed investigator of motor fuel tax and is now serving in that position, where he manifests the same fidelity to duty that has characterized him in every relation of life.

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### JOSEPH P. McCABE

Joseph P. McCabe, a representative farmer of Sangamon county, who is field agent in the office of the state oil inspector at Illiopolis, was born March 17, 1883, in Lanesville township, in the county which is still his home. His parents were Eugene and Mary (Weleh) McCabe, the former a native of Ireland who on the 12th of April, 1863, arrived in Illinois. In 1871 he wedded Mary Weleh, who was born in Pennsylvania but who was then living with her parents in Illiopolis. Eugene McCabe followed agricultural pursuits, owning and cultivating a good tract of land in what is one of the richest farming districts of the state. He was always a democrat and filled the office of deputy sheriff under Pat Murray, while for many years he served as a justice of the peace. He died in 1925, having for four years survived his wife, who passed away in 1921. They were the parents of ten children, namely: Michael, a resident of California; Mary, who is deceased; Anna, living on the home farm; Joseph P., of this review; Katherine, Francis and Rose, all of whom are on the home farm; Julia, who is a nurse at the Ursuline Convent; and Charles and Agnes, both of whom are deceased.

Joseph P. McCabe attended the Ray school in Lanesville township and afterward continued his studies in Brown's Business College in Springfield. When his textbooks were put aside he resumed work on the home farm and was thus associated with his father until the latter's death, since which time he has carried on the farm work alone. He employs progressive methods in caring for his fields and therefore annually harvests good crops. He is a member of the Farm Bureau and at all times keeps in touch with everything that has to do with the general advancement of farming interests.

On the 30th of December, 1933, Mr. McCabe was united in marriage to Miss Anna Shaughnessy, a daughter of John and Mary Shaughnessy, both of Springfield. They are members of the Visitation Catholic Church in Illiopolis and Mr. McCabe belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He has always been active in politics since becoming a voter and since 1922 has served as precinct committeeman. He has also filled the position of town clerk of Lanesville township and many times has been a member of the election board. In 1932 he was made a field agent for the department of finance of the division of oil inspection for the state of Illinois and has since discharged the duties of that position in connection with the work of carrying on his farm.

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### MILTON O. HARRISS

Milton O. Harriss, postmaster at Pinckneyville, came to public office after a number of years successfully devoted to commercial and industrial pursuits. He was born in Perry county, Illinois, January 8, 1891, a son of John William and Lina (Taylor) Harriss. The father is now master in chancery in Perry county.

Milton O. Harriss pursued his studies up to the eighth grade in the public schools and afterward took a short business course in Ewing College in Franklin county, Illinois. After leaving school he learned electrical work, which he followed for some time, and also engaged in engineering, these two pursuits occupying his attention for several years. He then became manager of the Ford automobile agency in Pinckneyville and so continued for eleven years, building up a business of substantial proportions.

On the 29th of October, 1917, in DuQuoin, Illinois, Mr. Harriss was united in marriage to Miss Lella Ross and they are the parents of a daughter, Betty Ross.

Mr. Harris belongs to the Masonic Fraternity and is also a Legionnaire. He enlisted May 28, 1918, as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Fourteenth Infantry, and served for six months as a private overseas. He was a member of the reserve forces in the Meuse-Argonne drive and in minor attacks and was honorably discharged May 19, 1919. Politically Mr. Harriss has always been a democrat and has attended several state and county conventions, working earnestly for the party whenever opportunity has permitted. His appointment to the postmastership came August 2, 1934, and he has thus entered upon a four-year period of service in that connection.

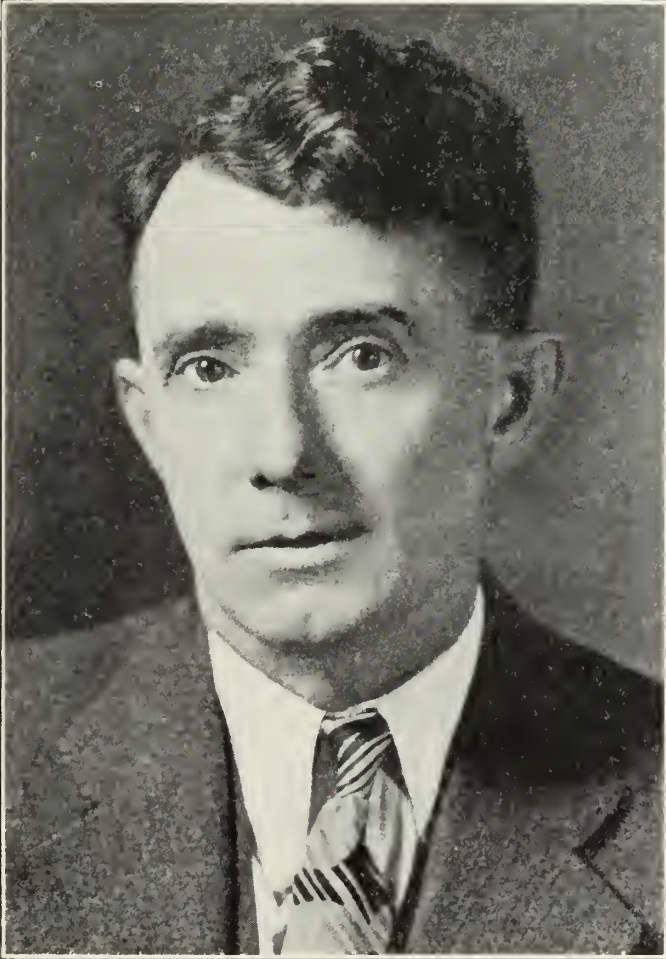
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### JOHN E. DOUGHERTY

John E. Dougherty, an outstanding member of the Peoria bar, possessing all of the requisite qualifications for the attainment of success in the profession, is also accounted one of the leaders of democracy in Peoria county and is now serving as chairman of the democratic county organization. For twenty years he has practiced law, and the public acknowledges his ability to handle the most intricate and involved legal problems.

Mr. Dougherty was born in Chilleothe, Peoria county, Illinois, August 17, 1891, and is a son of James M. and Aliee (Sutton) Dougherty. The father was born in Mineral, Bureau county, Illinois, and was a son of John Dougherty, who





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came from County Longford, Ireland, to the new world, casting in his lot with the pioneer residents of this state. His wife, who prior to her marriage bore the name of Margaret Kelly, was born in County Clare, Ireland. In the early '50s the family home was established in Peoria county and at the time of the Civil war John Dougherty put aside all business and personal considerations in order to join an Illinois regiment for service with the Union Army. The Sutton family, from whom John E. Dougherty is descended in the maternal line, were from County Wexford, Ireland, and his grandfather, Michael Sutton, married Ellen Ivers, of County Tipperary, Ireland. Attracted by the opportunities of the new world, Michael Sutton crossed the Atlantic and settled at Odell, Illinois, in the late '50s. He was a blacksmith by trade and operated forges in several places, including Henry, Illinois, where he made his home for a number of years. To Mr. and Mrs. James M. Dougherty were born a son, John E., and two daughters, Mrs. Ella McCanna, now living in Chilleothe, Illinois, and Mrs. Jane Stahl.

John E. Dougherty was accorded liberal educational opportunities. He has practiced in Peoria since 1914 and now has a large clientage, accorded him in recognition of his highly developed skill in the field of law. He never neglects to give a thorough preparation of a case before presenting his argument in the courts and his line of reasoning is always logical, while his deductions show the close relation between the point at issue and the legal principles bearing thereon. The only office he has ever filled has been in the direct line of his profession, covering service as assistant United States attorney from 1916 until 1920. He is a well known member of the Illinois State Bar Association and enjoys the confidence and good will of his professional colleagues and contemporaries.

Mr. Dougherty married Katherine (O'Neill) Welton, a native of the state of New York and a daughter of William and Sarah O'Neill. They have a large circle of warm friends in Peoria and Mr. Dougherty belongs to the North Shore Country Club. His interest in politics has long been manifest in a tangible and helpful way and as chairman of the central committee of Peoria county he is doing thorough organization work which calls out the party strength and wins substantial victories for democracy.

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#### DANIEL D. TUOHY

Daniel D. Tuohy, master in chancery of McLean county, is a highly esteemed young native son of Bloomington who was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1924. He was born August 26, 1903, his parents being Daniel S. and Julia (Marshall) Tuohy, also natives of Illinois. Daniel S. Tuohy was a railway mail clerk and an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party, serving for several years as alderman. His death occurred in 1931.

Daniel D. Tuohy attended Trinity high school and other parochial schools of Bloomington and subsequently entered the law department of Illinois Wesleyan University, from which institution he was graduated with the LL.B. degree in 1924. The same year he was admitted to the Illinois bar and in 1925 was admitted to practice in the federal court. He was associated with the Bloomington law firm of Fieffer, Riley & Bohrer in general practice for a period of eight years and thereafter engaged in the work of his chosen profession alone for a short time. On the 9th of September, 1933, he assumed his present duties as master in chancery of McLean county by appointment of Judge Taylor.

Mr. Tuohy has been actively interested in politics as a supporter of the democratic party since attaining his majority and served as secretary of the city central committee of Bloomington for four years. He was an alternate to the state conventions at Springfield in 1930 and 1932, and for one year he served as attorney for State Treasurer Edward Barrett in McLean, Peoria, Woodford and Tazewell counties by appointment of Mr. Barrett. He was a candidate for the office of states attorney in 1928 and 1932 but was defeated by the normal republican majority. A Roman Catholic in religious faith, Mr. Tuohy is a communicant of Holy Trinity Church of Bloomington and fraternally is affiliated

with the Knights of Columbus, being a past deputy grand knight of the order. He is a popular member of the Bloomington Club and along strictly professional lines has membership in the McLean County Bar Association, the Illinois Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

#### JOE E. MONTGOMERY

Joe E. Montgomery, assistant warden of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary at Chester, was born in Jackson county, this state, April 14, 1895. His parents, Riley and Elizabeth (Sternes) Montgomery, are also natives of Jackson county, Illinois, the latter being a daughter of James Sternes. Riley Montgomery, born in 1864, followed farming in Jackson county until 1914 and at the same time bought and sold farm produce as a traveling representative of various firms. He now resides in Florida but is still engaged in handling farm produce to some extent. Politically he has always been a staunch supporter of the democratic party.

Joe E. Montgomery acquired his early education as a public school pupil of Carbondale and subsequently entered the Southern Illinois State Normal University of that city but left the institution at the end of two years on account of impaired health. He traveled through the south with his father for a time and in 1916 became a traveling representative of John M. Train & Company, commission merchants of Chicago, though very young for this kind of work. In 1917, the United States having become involved in the World war, Mr. Montgomery joined Company E, One Hundred and Thirtieth Infantry, Thirty-third Division, and went to France as sergeant of an automatic rifle platoon. He remained overseas for one year and was honorably discharged in 1919. He then became a traveling salesman for the Hamilton Grocery Company of Carbondale, Illinois, and later was made bookkeeper in the ice and coal plant of the company, with which he was thus connected until 1923. In that year he embarked in business on his own account as the proprietor of a confectionery store and restaurant at Carbondale, in the conduct of which he met with merited success, but at the end of eighteen months he was obliged to dispose of his interests and seek a change of climate for the benefit of his health. He homesteaded a section of land in the state of Idaho, which he still owns, but in 1924 he returned to Carbondale, Illinois, where he served as chief of police until 1930. Thereafter he filled the office of deputy sheriff until resigning in 1932 in order to devote more time to his duties as chairman of the democratic county committee. Much credit is due him for the successful campaign of Governor Horner in Jackson county. In 1933 Mr. Montgomery was appointed assistant warden of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary at Chester.

On the 26th of June, 1920, Mr. Montgomery married Gladys Lyerle, daughter of Sol S. Lyerle, a merchant of Alto Pass, Illinois. The Lyerle family is the second largest democratic family in the state, numbering hundreds of voters. Mrs. Montgomery, like her husband, is an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party and is also a successful business woman, now conducting the Ford agency at Chester. She is a consistent member of the Congregational Church. A worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Montgomery has membership in the blue lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine, and he is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. He likewise belongs to the Lions Club of Carbondale. He has traveled all over the United States by automobile and he greatly enjoys hunting and fishing, particularly in the far west.

#### JOHN PHILEMON STOUT

On the 5th of February, 1934, John Philemon Stout was appointed to the position of superintendent of animal industry of the department of agriculture, with offices in the Centennial building in Springfield. He is well qualified for the office by reason of his previous training and broad experience along the line





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of agricultural activity. He comes of a family that has long been connected with live stock interests in Illinois. The family has been represented in this state since pioneer times, and John P. Stout was born December 21, 1887, in Ball township, just four miles from his present home, which is adjacent to the village of Chatham. He is a son of Joab Philemon and Ida F. (Sawin) Stout. The father was born on the same farm where the birth of his son John occurred, while the mother, a native of Coles county, Illinois, came to Sangamon county following her marriage in 1885.

John P. Stout mastered the elementary branches of learning in the public schools of Ball township, Sangamon county, and was graduated from the Springfield high school in 1905. He later was a student in the College of Agriculture of the University of Illinois, completing the course in 1909, at which time the Bachelor of Science degree was conferred upon him. From his early youth he had worked with his father on the farm and so continued until 1913, when he was married and started out independently. It was just as natural that Mr. Stout should have been interested in politics as he was in farming, for three generations of the family had preceded him in Sangamon county and all were staunch democrats. His grandfather, Philemon Stout, and his father, Joab Philemon Stout, had both served as county supervisor. The former was indeed a well known character in his part of the state, being generally known as "Uncle Philemon." While successfully managing his farm in Woodside township since 1913, John P. Stout has been a member of all the farm organizations of Sangamon county and at the same time he has studied political and civic questions. He is a member of the Farm Bureau and all associated organizations such as the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. He has been very active in the presidential campaigns of 1928 and 1932 and was farm campaign manager for Franklin D. Roosevelt in the twenty-first district. On the 5th of February, 1934, he was appointed superintendent of animal industry of the department of agriculture. His long business training well qualifies him for the important tasks that devolve upon him, as he is able to speak with authority upon many of the projects which have to do with the work of his office. His activities comprise service as president of the Chatham Elevator Company, as president of the Wheat Production Control Association and as secretary of the warehouse board for Sangamon county. He is also county chairman of the allotment committee.

On the 10th of September, 1913, Mr. Stout was married to Miss Villa M. Sprague, of Joliet, Illinois, a daughter of Frank and Florence (Tripp) Sprague, the former a farmer living in Will county, near Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Stout have three children: Philemon R., who is attending Blackburn College at Carlinville, Illinois; Elizabeth F., attending Blackburn College; and John S., who is a high school pupil in Ball township. The family attend the Presbyterian Church, although J. G. Sawin, maternal grandfather of Mr. Stout, was a Baptist minister. Fraternally Mr. Stout is a Mason, having membership in the blue lodge at Pawnee, in Elwood Commandery, K. T., of Springfield, and in Ansar Temple of the Mystie Shrine. He likewise belongs to the Mid-Day Luncheon Club of Springfield. His political and business activities leave him little time for outside interests. While the day is devoted to his official duties, he finds recreation and pleasure in supervising his farm work in the evenings and in reading good books or in traveling with his family. The Stouts have always given unfaltering support to the democratic party in Sangamon county and the subject of this review is adding credit to the honorable family record by his loyalty and efficiency in the discharge of his public duties.

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#### HARRY J. HOWARD

One of the most popular and enterprising of the younger generations of democrats in Sangamon county, Illinois, is Harry J. Howard, who was the superintendent of beautiful Washington Park in the city of Springfield for eight

years and is now assistant general superintendent of parks. For almost a decade and a half, he has been active in local politics and has won many friends and much respect for his square dealing and cooperation in democratic circles.

Mr. Howard is a native of Springfield, Illinois, where his birth occurred October 18, 1894, his parents being John C. and Margaret (Whelan) Howard, the former now deceased. He was born in Chicago, and during his life was a machinist. His widow, who was born in Illinois, survives him and makes her home in Springfield.

Harry J. Howard attended the grade schools of Springfield, then studied for one year in high school. His first work thereafter was in the capacity of collector for the Illinois Bell Telephone Company and he remained with this organization for one year, after which he was associated for a period of five years with the Graham Brothers Cigar Company of Springfield as a salesman. Following this, for ten years, he was an inspector for the Illinois Watch Company in Springfield. He became a member of the Springfield park board in 1927, and is now serving in his eighth year as superintendent of Washington Park, one of the show places of the city, comprising over one hundred and fifty acres of natural scenic beauty and altogether one of the most exceptional parks in the country. Democratic politics have been a source of consuming interest to Mr. Howard for many years, and he has been a member of the Sangamon county Democratic central committee for fourteen years, five of which he has been treasurer. He also belongs to the managing committee of the Roosevelt-Horner organization in Springfield, and has worked untiringly and loyally to help the democratic ticket to success in the various campaigns.

On the 30th of October, 1916, Mr. Howard was united in marriage to Miss Irene Fogarty, who was born on a farm near Farmingdale in Sangamon county.

In his religious belief, Mr. Howard is a Roman Catholic, a member of the Cathedral parish in Springfield. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, and the Cosmopolitan Club, the latter a civic organization. Sports are his hobby.

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#### MRS. MARGARET STRANG

One of the active leaders among the democratic women of Lake county is Mrs. Margaret Strang, of Waukegan. She was born in Newport township, Lake county, Illinois, a daughter of James and Catherine (Conrin) Moran, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father came to the United States in young manhood and took up government land in Lake county, transforming a wild and unimproved tract into a rich and productive farm. He was also active in local affairs and at all times gave his political support to the democratic party.

After attending the district schools and the high school of Waukegan, Margaret Moran became the wife of Henry Strang, also a native of Lake county, who for many years was engaged in business in Waukegan. He was originally a republican but was converted to democracy by his wife. He has now passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Strang became the parents of a daughter and a son: Ethel, who is now employed by the Illinois Public Service Company in Waukegan and Gerald, who is now an investigator in the gas tax department of the State Finance Department. He was formerly chief clerk of the Lake county board of review for two years and served from 1930 until 1932 as precinct committeeman. At the time of the World war he joined the United States Army and was overseas for eighteen months.

Mrs. Strang has long been active in women's club work and is a well known representative of the democratic party in Lake county. In 1928 she organized the Lake County Women's Democratic Club, starting with a membership of sixty-three, and today it has a membership of more than two thousand. She has been reelected its president each succeeding year and has an executive committee of twelve which she selects and which administers the





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affairs of the organization. Her work has been most efficient and has resulted in great benefit to the party strength. In 1928 she was appointed county chairwoman of the Lake county democratic committee and has served continuously since. She was very active in the leadership under Mrs. George E. Brennan for the repeal of the eighteenth amendment. Mrs. Strang has also been very active in the Royal Neighbors, in the Ladies Catholic Benefit Association and in the Knights and Ladies of Security.

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### JOHN FRANCIS MCGINNIS

No history of Alton or southern Illinois would be complete without extended reference to John Francis McGinnis, so active and prominent a part did he play in the development and progress of the city along many lines. His influence was always on the side of advancement and his achievements were constantly manifest in works that were of great public benefit. Moreover, throughout his entire life he held to high standards in his profession, in politics and in citizenship in general.

Mr. McGinnis was born in Ireland, September 15, 1849, and was two years old when brought to Alton by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGinnis, the family home being established on the north side of Alton in what was then a coal mining settlement. He had comparatively few advantages in youth, but he possessed a laudable ambition that led him to utilize every opportunity for advancement. At length he determined to make the law his profession and completed his preparation in St. Louis in 1874, being admitted to the bars of Illinois and of Missouri when twenty-five years of age. Although advancement at the bar is proverbially slow, step by step he climbed to the heights and for many years practiced largely before the supreme court of the United States. His preparation of cases was always thorough and exhaustive. He seemed to lose sight of no point or detail that would bear upon his case and yet he gave due prominence to that important point upon which the decision always finally turns. On various occasions he appeared before the United States supreme court, and one of the most notable of these had to do with the maintenance of separate schools for negro children. To this the negroes objected, but the school board maintained its position and Mr. McGinnis acted as counsel for the board in the case that finally reached the supreme court. The question was a delicate one and feeling ran high in Alton, but Mr. McGinnis, always tactful, kindly and farsighted, so managed the affair that not only did the board of education maintain separate schools but feeling subsided and the original opponents of the plan eventually hailed it as a boon.

In his political connections Mr. McGinnis was from the first a stalwart democrat and did much to shape the activities and win successes for the party in his section of the state. While the profession of law was his real life work, he felt his duty and obligations in citizenship and never faltered in the performance of any task that would enable him to work for the benefit of community or commonwealth. He first entered public office when made city attorney. For fourteen years he was head of the legal department of Alton as corporation counselor, serving under various mayoralty administrations. He was the first attorney in Alton on local improvements and it was under his legal guidance that the city launched the program of paving, sidewalks and sewer construction that gave to Alton its metropolitan appearance. He felt that in his position as city counselor he should also serve as the legal adviser of the board of education, which was then organized under a special charter, its members serving by mayoralty appointment. He refused any compensation for his service in this connection and his work was of untold benefit.

Mr. McGinnis as promoter of building and loan associations contributed much to Alton's upbuilding. In 1884 he organized the Bluff City Building & Loan Association, the first of its kind here, and afterward established the Alton Building & Loan Association, which in 1887 was followed by the Piasa, of which he was

secretary at the time of his death. He knew the value of home building to the individual and to the community, and the Piasas became a great association, serving a vast number of people with its immeasurable influences along material, social and moral lines. Always possessing keen insight into the possibilities of city improvement, Mr. McGinnis became one of the organizers of the first electric railway and also of the Citizens National Bank, of which he was a director and attorney at the time of his death.

His political history is one of rare interest. For many years he was a recognized leader of democracy in his part of the state. He was a fighter but he was never allied with any underhand methods. A contemporary biographer has written: "He loved his politics, but politics had to be clean to merit his support. Any underhanded move met his instant opposition and McGinnis opposition was the kind that never knew defeat. Adroit moves were met by counter-moves even more adroit, the most cunningly laid plans failed before a counter-attack that was devastating and so perfectly laid that plotters saw their hopes slowly but inevitably shattered." Mr. McGinnis loved a combat of wits and in the political field he found great use for his oratory—one of his splendid gifts. In early years democratic politics were led by various factions and there was every effort made by each faction to gain control. Mr. McGinnis loved and participated in these battles of wits and people, believing in his honesty and in the value of the principles which he espoused, became his followers. In later years he loved to recall the contests in which he participated and the methods pursued in winning victories. Mr. McGinnis served at one time as master in chancery under Circuit Judge Burroughs, but he never sought nor filled elective offices, many times refusing the nomination for circuit judge. He did not believe in partisanship in city politics and stood for every principle or purpose which he believed would benefit the municipality. The Alton Evening Telegraph, at the time of his death, wrote in this connection: "He was an astute observer. His loyalty to his party never affected his observations. Because he wanted a candidate to win and worked for him never caused Mr. McGinnis to underestimate the opposition. Devoted as he was to the democratic party, the wish never became the father to the thought and his forecasts were the result of calm and careful going-over of the situation and his forecasts rarely missed."

The chapter in the life history of Mr. McGinnis which one touches on with reverence had to do with his home and family relations. His devotion to his wife was ideal and it was reciprocal on her part. In young manhood he wedded Lilly V. Rutherford, a daughter of Colonel Friend F. Rutherford, who was one of the well known early attorneys of Edwardsville. At the time of the Civil war he joined the army, becoming a ranking brigadier general, and he made the supreme sacrifice for his country. Mr. and Mrs. McGinnis became parents of two sons and four daughters: John F., Jr., who follows in his father's footsteps, being a member of the Alton bar; William S., a practicing physician; Mrs. John O'Connell, of Sand Springs, Oklahoma; Mrs. Walter Flahie, of Muskegon, Michigan; Mrs. Thomas Vitt, of Peru, Indiana; and Sister Clotilde of the Ursuline order, a teacher at Marquette high school. In the later years of his life Mr. McGinnis suffered from ill health. His wife was his constant companion at his bedside, for throughout the years of their married life they shared every interest which in any way affected the other. It was their joy and delight to entertain their many friends at their own fireside, and no couple of Alton were ever richer in friends. During his last days, which were spent in St. Anthony's Infirmary that he might have needed medical and nursing attention, Mrs. McGinnis was continually at his side. It was said of them that "the affection between the two remained that of young sweethearts in all the years." The end came on the 17th of July, 1929, when he was in his eightieth year. Throughout his life Mr. McGinnis had been identified with the Catholic faith. He was a member of the Old Cathedral parish and was one of the advisers of the late Bishop Ryan when he was building up his diocese. Mr. McGinnis was a most active participant in this work and he gave unsparingly of his time, his talents and his substance for the church. His life touched so many



lines of activity and was of such value in every connection that it is almost impossible to overemphasize any particular field of his achievements. In Alton tangible evidence is found on every side of what he did for the city, and no name is today more honored and no memory more revered than that of John F. McGinnis.

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### JOHN F. MCGINNIS

John F. McGinnis, a strong and able member of the Alton bar who since entering the profession has been accorded a large and growing practice, is now an assistant state's attorney. He was born in Alton, October 18, 1893, and is a son of John F. McGinnis, Sr., who for almost sixty years practiced law in Alton and was recognized as one of the eminent representatives of the profession in this part of the state. He is mentioned at length on another page of this work, for he made valuable contribution to the history of democracy in southern Illinois. He married Lilly V. Rutherford, a daughter of Colonel Friend F. Rutherford, an attorney of Edwardsville, Illinois, who entered the Union Army during the Civil war and was ranking brigadier general when killed in battle.

John F. McGinnis attended the parochial schools of Alton and then entered St. Mary's College at St. Marys, Kansas, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1913. He next matriculated in the Washington University School of Law, winning his LL. B. degree in 1916, after which he entered upon active practice in connection with his father, the association being maintained until May 1, 1917, when he entered the First Officers Training School at Fort Sheridan. He was commissioned a second lieutenant with the Eighty-sixth Division and became an instructor at Camp Grant, receiving his discharge January 8, 1918, with the rank of captain. He remained a member of the reserve force, however, for two years thereafter.

Returning to his home, Mr. McGinnis resumed the private practice of law, in which he has since continued, and in this he has fully sustained the reputation of his father. However, it is a profession in which advancement must depend entirely upon individual merit and ability, and step by step he has advanced to a point of leadership. On the 1st of January, 1934, he was joined by Harold G. Talley under the firm style of McGinnis, McGinnis & Talley. He has membership in the Madison County, Illinois State and American Bar Associations and at all times holds to the highest standards and ethics of the profession.

On the 21st of May, 1918, Mr. McGinnis was married to Phyllis Gaskins, of Alton, and they have two daughters, Gene and Joan, aged respectively fifteen and six years. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and Mr. McGinnis belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He also has membership with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is an active worker in the American Legion and belongs to the Delta Upsilon and Phi Delta Phi. No one has ever questioned his allegiance to the democratic party, in which he has been an earnest and effective worker. He served several times as precinct committeeman and has been a delegate to every state convention since the World war. He is now master in chancery for the city of Alton, appointed by Judge Yager, and through a previous appointment his service in this office now covers six years. He was a member of the city council in 1924 and 1925 and is now serving as assistant state's attorney under M. Lester Geers. During the John W. Davis campaign he was chairman of the Alton city committee and in 1916 he was doorkeeper at the democratic national convention in St. Louis. His first political speech was made in support of Woodrow Wilson, but since that time he has addressed many public gatherings on the issues of the day, concerning which he is thoroughly informed, so that his arguments always carry weight with his hearers.

## MICHAEL J. MONAGHAN

Michael J. Monaghan, who in April, 1933, was made a bridge operator in Joliet, is well known as one of the staunch supporters of the democratic party in Will county. He is a native of Joliet, his birth having here occurred August 7, 1910. His parents, Michael J. and Catherine Monaghan, were natives of Ireland but spent the greater part of their lives in Joliet. The father has passed away, but the mother is still living.

Michael J. Monaghan, Jr., pursued his education in St. Mary's parochial school of Joliet. On starting out in life to provide for his own support he secured a position with the Moore's Stove Works and later he was employed in the office of the local office of E. J. E. steel car shop. At a subsequent period he worked in the steel mill until he secured his present position as bridge operator in April, 1933.

Mr. Monaghan belongs to the Knights of Columbus, which indicates his connection with the Catholic Church, he being a communicant of St. Mary's. Politically he has always been a democrat and is now serving for the second term as precinct committeeman, doing everything in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the party.

## RICHARD S. WANGELIN

In March, 1933, Richard S. Wangelin was appointed county treasurer of St. Clair county, after having previously served for two years as chief deputy in that office. His record of public service is a most commendable one and has gained for him the entire respect and confidence of the people of his community. Belleville, where he makes his home, is his birthplace, his natal day being February 12, 1893. The family has long been well and prominently represented here, his grandfather, Richard Wangelin, having been a banker in Belleville, where he also served as city treasurer. The parents of our subject are Ernest and Jessie (Steele) Wangelin, both of whom are natives of Illinois, born in Belleville and Decatur, respectively. Ernest Wangelin, who is connected with the Century Brass Works of Belleville, is a democrat in political belief but has never been an active party worker.

Richard S. Wangelin attended the public schools of Belleville until graduated from the high school, after which he pursued a course in a business college here. In 1910, when a youth of seventeen years, he took up accounting work with the Hartmann, Hay & Reis Company, manufacturers of cut nails, with whom he remained until 1916, when he accepted the position of accountant with the East St. Louis Cotton Oil Company. After acting in that capacity until 1918 he was appointed chief deputy county treasurer of St. Clair county under M. P. Murray, a democratic incumbent of the office, and so served until 1922, when he became a candidate for the position of county treasurer. While in that year the county gave a republican majority of twelve thousand, Mr. Wangelin lost the position by only seven hundred votes, the support given him being proof of his personal popularity and the trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen, for he ran more than eleven thousand votes ahead of the party ticket. Re-entering the business field, Mr. Wangelin became auditor of a coal company and so continued for five years, at the end of which time he established a coal business on his own account, conducting it until May, 1931, when he was appointed chief deputy in the office of the county treasurer, Edwin M. Schaefer. He thus served until March, 1933, when he was advanced to his present position as county treasurer to succeed Mr. Schaefer, who had been elected to congress. Mr. Wangelin was elected by a majority of thirteen thousand five hundred to the office of county treasurer at the general election, November 6, 1934, and is treasurer of the democratic county committee of St. Clair county.

In 1911 Mr. Wangelin was married to Miss Marguerite Schmidt, of Belleville, a daughter of William Schmidt, who is a prominent representative of the



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democratic party here. The three children of this marriage are: Mrs. Carl Lenz, of Belleville; Kathryn; and Richard, Jr. Mr. Wangelin attends and contributes to the support of different Protestant churches. He is an active member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is also a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter, council, commandery and Mystie Shrine. He is greatly interested in community welfare and his cooperation can always be counted upon to promote any project looking to the further development and upbuilding of this part of the state.

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### CLETUS A. COFFEE

There is perhaps no department of public service of greater importance to a community than that of public health, and each one connected with the service has an important duty to perform. It is therefore necessary that men of capability and of unquestioned loyalty shall be connected with this office. Among the faithful representatives of the department of public health in Peoria is numbered Cletus A. Coffee, who was appointed to his present position as sanitary inspector April 2, 1933.

Mr. Coffee was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, August 1, 1908, a son of John and Elizabeth (Brannan) Coffee, the former also a native of Jacksonville, where his parents had settled in pioneer times and where he engaged in the meat business for some time. He then removed to Peoria, where he continued in the meat business until his death, September 22, 1933. The maternal grandparents of Cletus A. Coffee were early settlers of Beardstown, Illinois, and the grandfather, John Brannan, was a native of Ireland.

Cletus A. Coffee was one of two children, having a brother, John, who resides in Peoria and is with the Peoria Life Insurance Company. Cletus A. Coffee was educated in the schools of Peoria, where he attended Spalding Institute, after which he was employed by various chain mercantile stores until 1933, when he was appointed sanitary inspector by the board of health. He has since served in this connection, doing valuable work through his thoroughness and loyalty to the high ideals of service which are a basic element in the work of the department. He was first made precinct committeeman in 1930 and so continued until 1933. He belongs to the Junior Jeffersonians and to the Second Ward Democratic Club and is keenly interested in party work, doing everything in his power to promote the successes of democracy. He also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, and through these various connections he has gained a wide acquaintance, being well and favorably known in Peoria.

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### RANDOLPH E. OSTERMEIER

Randolph E. Ostermeier, who is known to his friends as "Rudy," was born in Chatham, Illinois, where he still makes his home, his natal day being September 13, 1902. He is a son of Henry A. and Sophia (Kruckenburg) Ostermeier. The father was born on the old Ostermeier homestead in Sangamon county in 1866 and remained a farmer thereon throughout his active business life. He was a strong democrat but never held office. His wife was born in Greenville, Ohio, but came to Illinois with her people when quite young. Both the Ostermeier and Kruckenburg families are of German origin. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Ostermeier were three sons and two daughters: Henry J. and Ernest, of Chatham, Illinois; Charlotte, the wife of A. H. Breteher, of Springfield, and the mother of three children; Johanna, who is the wife of Erwin Aufdenkamp, of Chapin, Illinois, and has two children; and Randolph E., of this review. One of the brothers of our subject is now president of the Chatham Township Farm Bureau.

Rudy Ostermeier attended the public schools of Chatham and for two years

was a student in the provincial Trinity Lutheran school. He next attended high school in Chatham and afterward Brown's Business College of Springfield. He has made farming his life work and has always resided within a mile of the farm upon which he was born. He is a charter member of the Sangamon County Farm Bureau, has served on its various committees and has taken part in its most important drives.

On the 21st of December, 1933, Rudy Ostermeier was married to Miss Louise M. Coe, a daughter of Loren W. and Carrie M. Coe, of Springfield, in which city Mrs. Ostermeier was born and reared. The religious belief of the Ostermeier family has always been that of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mr. Ostermeier is a member of the Phi Alpha Omega, a national collegiate fraternity. A well known citizen of Sangamon county who has always lived in the vicinity of Chatham, he has a wide acquaintance among whom he is held in the highest regard because of an active, useful and honorable life.

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### THOMAS N. GORMAN

On the 28th of May, in the year 1920, occurred the death of Thomas N. Gorman, of Peoria, Illinois, who was one of the most beloved and respected figures of Illinois Democracy. For eighteen years as a member of the Peoria city council, and as a member of the lower house of Illinois General Assembly for six terms, he made an exceptionally brilliant record, especially in legislation directed toward charitable and philanthropic motives. The assistance he might give and the aid which he might provide for those less fortunate than himself were inspirations of his life, and his labors along these lines during his political career were most successful and of permanent character. The democratic party in the state of Illinois lost much in the passing of Mr. Gorman, for his intelligence, humanity and personal character gave much strength to the cause through many years.

Thomas N. Gorman was born in Westville, near New Haven, Connecticut, on December 5, 1861 and was a son of John and Bridget Gorman. While he was a young man, his parents removed to Peoria, Illinois, and in this city he received his education. First he attended the grammar schools, then the Christian Brothers school and the high school, from which he graduated. He first became associated with his father in the grocery and coal business, then was in the employ of the Peoria Gas, Light and Coke Company, which was later the Central Illinois Light Company. He was associated with this organization for seventeen years, and rose to high official position therein. During these years, likewise, he won to his side hosts of true friends by his observance of the ethics of life and contact with his fellows. His qualities of real leadership became obvious to those with whom he was associated, and it was inevitable that he should enter the political field.

Thomas N. Gorman was a young man when he first became interested in political problems and democracy. That was in the day of strong ward politics and the character of these political struggles often became turbulent in the extreme. When only twenty-seven years of age, Mr. Gorman was elected city alderman from the old first ward, which later became the seventh, also having been called the "bloody seventh." That he made good in his important post is indicated by the fact that after his first term he was appointed chief of police of Peoria under Mayor John Warner. He served during the years 1888 and 1889. Less than thirty years of age at this point in his career, he had achieved a commanding place in the public eye of the city. City records show, correctly, that he was the youngest man ever to have been elected to the council, and altogether, during his life he served eighteen years on this governing body. He was a member of many of the most important committees and was a guiding spirit through his tenure of office. He was often involved in spirited battles in the political ranks, but generally he emerged with colors flying. Charity was a main incentive to his activities, anything to help the poorer people of the com-





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munity. As alderman, a free bath house was a main hobby, and his insistence usually brought about the things he desired and championed.

In 1908 Mr. Gorman's political success inevitably led to higher office, and in that year he was elected to the lower house of the Illinois general assembly by a large majority. He was re-elected in 1910, 1912, 1914, 1916, and 1918, his last term expiring in the autumn preceding his death. In the legislature he was again the natural leader. His name was mentioned several times for the speakership, but he always declined the honor. Legislation to benefit his home county naturally claimed the most of his attention, and the thought of Peoria was ever in his mind and behind his action. He did laudable work in getting changes made in the teachers' pension bill. Unquestionably, the chief victory he won in the house was the making and passing of the Gorman bill, which required each county in the state to pay a pension to the blind, and it was his plan, had he lived and been re-elected, to have had the provisions of this law improved so even greater help could be extended. Within the last few years he obtained the appropriation of two hundred thousand dollars for the erection of an armory in Peoria. During his legislative years Mr. Gorman was closely associated with Governor Deneen, Governor Dunne and Governor Lowden. He acted as Governor Dunne's spokesman on the floor of the house. When the Illinois Constitutional Convention was organized in Springfield in January, 1910, Mr. Gorman was appointed sergeant-at-arms, but was compelled to decline on account of his health. Such men as Roger Sullivan and other big men in the state democratic party were close friends of Mr. Gorman. Some of these men may be mentioned as Medill McCormick, Michael Igoe, John Devine, David E. Shanahan, and Michael Fahey, stalwarts in the party.

Mr. Gorman was twice married. His first union was with Miss Margaret Moennighoff on November 4, 1883, and to them were born three children, Thomas F., Howard J. and Agnes M. Mrs. Gorman died May 5, 1908 and several years later he took as his wife Miss Emma Page. At the time of his death, Mr. Gorman was also survived by five sisters, namely: Mrs. John D. Carey, Mrs. J. Thomas Langton, Mrs. Alois Weber, Miss Bertha Gorman and Miss Celia Gorman.

In his religion Mr. Gorman was a devout communicant of the Roman Catholic Church, and a member of St. Bernard's parish. He was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus, also belonged to Peoria Lodge, No. 20, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Creve Coeur Club.

Along with his ability to put up a rousing fight in the political arena, Mr. Gorman never lost his sense of Irish humor. It was an occupation in which he took intense delight, but he played the game squarely at all times. A very comprehensive statement was published editorially in the Peoria Journal at the time of Mr. Gorman's death. This follows:

"Thomas N. Gorman, state representative, owed much of his success in politics to his peculiar personality. He was known as 'Tom' to tens of thousands of persons in this district—and he did not seek for this personal appellation or recognition. Mr. Gorman lived with the folks, and he lived with them because it was natural for him to live with them. The humblest laborer could talk with him as long and as often as the biggest business man in the town. He was naturally democratic, companionable, easily approached, and help-giving. He loved ordinary mortals, and consequently loved practically all of the people—for most of the people are ordinary.

"But if Thomas N. Gorman owed much of his success in politics to his personality, he had another characteristic which is invaluable if a public man is to do something more than to 'hold office.' He was a practical man. He had the instinct for accomplishment. While others talked and argued and suggested, Mr. Gorman accomplished. When he came to Springfield in 1908 as state representative, he was not content with having his name in the Blue Book as democratic

state legislator from the eighteenth district. He wanted to do something for his district and for his state and for his people. He studied ways and means. He found out quickly how practical politics worked in Springfield. If he had a bill to introduce he found the best way of introducing that bill; he talked the bill over with other legislative leaders; he saw that someone in the senate was back of his measure; he selected the proper time for introducing his measure; he saw the other legislators personally and got them to pledge their support. In instances he did what all other successful legislators do—he compromised on minor things in order to secure the passage of his bill.

“For several years ‘Tom’ Gorman has been known by all legislators and by all state officials as a real leader in legislative affairs. If he was elected as a democrat he worked with a republican administration in pushing bills that were good. However, he realized that there must be parties in this government of ours and he was a rigid democrat with no apologies for his democracy at any time. Particularly during the past three terms he has been known as the one man in the democratic membership who could actually get bills through the house—and, in the last analysis, a legislator’s ability must be gauged by his ability to get good bills passed into law.

“Mr. Gorman was a practical man. In his youth he found it necessary for him to be practical, for he early learned that he must support himself. He worked in a grocery store and in the old gas works. And his early lessons in practical work proved to be invaluable to him.

“The loss through the death of Representative Gorman is a loss not only to Peoria, where he was influential in pushing through many improvements and in furthering the cause of progress and good citizenship, but it is a loss to the state—for he was a legislator who accomplished.

“We need more legislators like ‘Tom’ Gorman, legislators who know the people, know what the people are thinking, know the needs of the people, know how to draw up bills for improving conditions, and know how to get these bills changed from bills to laws.”

Following the charitable policies of Mr. Gorman, the family requested after his death that the funds which would ordinarily be spent for floral tributes be diverted to the Star or Journal or Transcript offices for use in the Star’s Cradle Beach fund, the Journal and Transcript Lee and Milk fund, and the annual picnic for the blind. These worthy enterprises were most materially helped by the funds turned in, and in view of the character of Thomas N. Gorman, were extremely befitting as a memorial to him.

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#### HOWARD J. GORMAN

Howard J. Gorman is one of the lawmakers of Illinois, serving now as a member of the state legislature from Peoria. He has had a varied and interesting career and in his present official position is following in the footsteps of his father, Hon. Thomas N. Gorman, who was also a member of the general assembly of Illinois, and was regarded as a constructive force in the democracy of Peoria county. A biography of him appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Thomas N. Gorman passed away in the year 1920 and Peoria mourned the loss of one of her representative and honored citizens. In early manhood he had wedded Margaret Moennighoff, who was born in Peoria, a daughter of Henry Moennighoff, a pioneer bakery owner of this city. To Thomas N. Gorman and his wife were born two sons and a daughter: Thomas F., Howard J., and Agnes, who became the wife of Charles N. Klein of Pontiac, Illinois. The elder son is a theatrical man of New York City.

Howard J. Gorman was educated in the Spalding Institute of Peoria and after his textbooks were put aside founded the H. J. Gorman Company, an outdoor advertising concern which controls billboard space over a wide territory,



and also has other outdoor advertising service. This constitutes the major business interest of Howard J. Gorman.

Mr. Gorman was united in marriage to Miss Bernadette M. Ryan, a daughter of M. P. and Sarah (Harty) Ryan. They now have one child, Mary. Mr. Gorman is a member of the Knights of Columbus, but his activity and interests have largely centered in his business. However, politics has always claimed his attention and he has ever kept well informed on the question and issues of the day, so that he is able to support his position by intelligent argument. Since casting his first presidential ballot, he has always voted for the men and measures of the democratic party, and he has served as a member of the board of review for fourteen years. In 1934 further recognition of his ability and his loyalty in citizenship came to him in his election to the state legislature, where he is now serving, taking a helpful interest in formulating the rules which have to do with the welfare of the commonwealth.

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### GEORGE A. LYONS, JR.

George A. Lyons, Jr., a leading democrat of Peoria county who was nominated at the 1934 primaries for the office of county treasurer, is a citizen well entitled to official preferment by reason of the fact that he has ever been loyal to the best interests of his community and has staunchly supported all measures for the general good. In business circles he is likewise well known, being active and successful in the field of mail order and general advertising business.

Mr. Lyons was born in Chicago, January 29, 1892, and is a son of George A. and Gertrude (Larson) Lyons, who were also natives of the Illinois metropolis. The father was a veteran in the service of the Illinois Central Railway, having for many years represented that corporation, and he also had the distinction of operating the first cable car used in Chicago. To him and his wife were born two children, the daughter being Vivian, now the wife of Oscar Johnson.

At the usual age George A. Lyons became a pupil in the public schools of his native city and passed through consecutive grades to the high school. Later he attended the Armour Institute of Technology, where he qualified as a construction engineer, being graduated in 1912. For several years thereafter he was associated with Armour & Company of Chicago as a salesman, but all business and personal considerations were put aside when America entered the World war. He enlisted in May, 1917, went to Camp Logan and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, going overseas with the Thirty-third Division. He was detailed as supply officer to organize and equip Base Hospital 86 and he also served at other points in France as supply officer, remaining overseas for fifteen months. At Camp Grant, in July, 1919, he was mustered out, returning home with a creditable military record. He had previously served in the Illinois National Guard under Colonel Milton Foreman of Chicago for three years and he now holds membership in Peoria Post No. 2 of the American Legion, in which he has served as senior vice commander. He also belongs to the Forty and Eight.

On the 12th of February, 1921, Mr. Lyons removed to Peoria and founded a direct mail order and general advertising service, including an art department for designs. In the development of this business he has met with substantial success, his trade having reached gratifying proportions. In politics he has always been a democrat and the party in 1934 nominated him without opposition for the position of county treasurer.

Mr. Lyons was united in marriage to Miss Hazel Helen Smith, a native of Peoria, Illinois, and a daughter of Edward and Hattie (Canterbury) Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons have one child, Bobette, who is thirteen years of age.

Mr. Lyons' interests are broad and varied. He has taken helpful part in the Little Theatre movement and has appeared in the east of many of the plays presented by the Peoria Players. He acted as president of the organization

and was one of the prime movers in the erection of the beautiful theatre that was built for that organization in this city. He believes in maintaining a high standard of theatrical entertainment and his own dramatic ability enables him to extract keen pleasure from theatrical work. He has membership in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Masonry, belongs to the Creve Coeur Club, and his interest in community welfare and progress is shown in his connection with the Association of Commerce.

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### THOMAS E. GRAHAM

Thomas E. Graham, residing at Ingleside, devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits, was born in Grant township, Lake county, Illinois, September 7, 1872. His father, Edward Graham, was a native of Ireland and came to the United States with his parents in his childhood. He arrived in Lake county in 1852 and took up government land which is now the home place of his son Thomas. The residence which the latter occupies was built by his father and was the first frame house in Lake county west of Waukegan. Edward Graham converted the wild land into rich and productive fields. He was a staunch democrat and took a helpful interest in local governmental affairs. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Ann Heffring, was a native of Vermont.

Thomas E. Graham was reared on the old homestead and attended the district schools, while later he spent two years as a student in Valparaiso University of Indiana. His active business life has been devoted to looking after the interests of the home farm, with the exception of about eight years which he spent in Chicago in the real estate business. He displays sound judgment and foresight in the management of his agricultural interests and the results achieved are very gratifying.

Mr. Graham became active politically in early life and at twenty-one years of age was elected township tax collector, in which capacity he served for four years. Later he was elected town assessor, and after filling the office for one term popular suffrage placed him in the position of supervisor, in which he served altogether for fourteen years, being chairman of the county board for three years of that period and also chairman of the board of review. Still higher political honors awaited him, for in 1912 he was elected a member of the state legislature from the eighth district and served until 1920, doing valuable work on the committees on insurance, education, fish and game, good roads and finance. He readily recognized the obligations and responsibilities that devolved upon him and he gave earnest study to all vital problems. He was instrumental in having the fish hatchery established at Spring Grove. For a quarter of a century he was a member of the democratic county committee and he also served for four years on the senatorial committee. At the present writing he is a member of the board of directors of the Grant Community High School. In the last thirty years he has attended every state convention except two as a delegate and is widely known to party leaders in Illinois.

In 1916 Mr. Graham was united in marriage to Catherine Walsh, of Grant township, Lake county, Illinois, and they are the parents of a son, Thomas E., Jr. The family, as stated, still occupies the old homestead which the father of Mr. Graham secured from the government. Much of it, however, has been subdivided and sold for resorts or summer homes. As a boy Mr. Graham became very skillful with the rifle and later gained recognition as one of the best trap shooters in the country. In 1912 he won the Western handicap at Denver, Colorado, and at that meet made a world record. He has participated in the Grand American handicap at several of its meets and has always left with trophies. Out of the family of six Graham brothers, five were outstanding trap



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shooters. Mr. Graham has witnessed much of the growth and development of the Chicago area, having here resided for sixty-two years, and he has seen remarkable changes in this section of the state. At all times his aid and influence have been on the side of advancement and improvement and he is today one of the honored and valued residents of Lake county.

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#### HOWARD THOMAS RUDDY

Howard Thomas Ruddy, a bridge operator at Joliet, was born in this city, January 27, 1906, a son of John F. and Charlotte Ruddy, both of whom are still living in Joliet. The father has always been an active democrat and he was judge and clerk of elections in the old fifth ward when he was a young man. He has always been a party worker and has done everything in his power to promote the success of the democratic candidates.

Howard T. Ruddy was educated in the parochial schools and in the Joliet high school. For eleven years he was a machine operator at the works of the American Steel & Wire Company of Joliet, his long connection with the plant indicating his capability and his worth to the organization. On the 15th of June, 1933, he became a bridge operator and is now serving in that capacity.

On the 19th of February, 1927, Mr. Ruddy was united in marriage to Miss Christine Marsalia, who is now deceased. In religious belief Mr. Ruddy is a Catholic and his political faith has always been that of the democratic party. When he was twenty-one years of age he became a precinct committeeman and has so served to the present time, this being his fourth term. His entire life has been passed in Joliet and vicinity and here he has a wide acquaintance and has long been known as a representative of industrial activity.

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#### A. L. PULVER, JR.

A. L. Pulver, Jr., justice of the peace and a well known resident of Moline, was here born December 18, 1901, a son of A. L. and Stella (Sunderlin) Pulver. The mother has passed away, but the father still survives and makes his home in Moline, where for many years he has been engaged in the real estate business. Since attaining his majority he has served for many years as active precinct committeeman and the cause of democracy finds in him a stalwart champion. He was at one time a candidate for state senator against Martin Carlson and he was an active democrat when there were only about five democratic votes cast in Moline. For twenty-seven years he acted as precinct committeeman and did much toward shaping the history of the party in northwestern Illinois.

A. L. Pulver, Jr., acquired a public school education in Moline and afterward attended Augustana College. He then became a salesman and so continued until elected justice of the peace, taking office on the 4th of May, 1933. His decisions are fair and impartial and his rulings elicit the commendation of all concerned. Like his father, he has ever been a stalwart democrat. Fraternally he is connected with the Eagles and with the Turners. His entire life has been passed in Rock Island county and that his record has ever been a commendable one is indicated in the fact that his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present.

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#### BESS S. PARISH

Bess S. Parish, committeewoman of the twenty-fourth congressional district, makes her residence on a farm adjoining the city of Harrisburg, where she was born. She is a daughter of John J. and Annie (Land) Parish, and is a member of families which have been closely connected with the civic and business life of southern Illinois. Her mother is of the Land and Eubanks families who settled White county, and her grandfather, Captain William H. Parish, was the first lawyer in Saline county and practiced law there for a half century. John J. Parish was state's attorney of that county in 1884, having been one of the first

democrats ever elected to office in Saline county. He afterwards served two terms in the Illinois house of representatives. He was actively engaged in the practice of law for fifty-two years, and at one time there were three generations in the same law firm, namely: Captain William H., John J. and his son, Cheaney Land Parish.

Miss Parish, after finishing the local grade and high schools, attended St. Mary's-of-the-Woods in Indiana and Ward's Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee. She has traveled extensively and was always closely associated with her father in political and legal affairs. She is now serving as field agent with the department of vocational rehabilitation, her territory covering sixteen counties. She is doing excellent work in this connection and has closely studied every phase of the tasks and the problems which come up for settlement.

Politically, Miss Parish has always been a democrat and belongs to the Jeffersonian Club, and is doing admirable work as county chairwoman of the democratic county women's organization. She has attended several county and state conventions and was also present at the national convention in Chicago in 1932. She is a member of the Episcopal Church, and has held various offices in the Eastern Star and the P. E. O. sisterhood. She is now on state boards of Business and Professional Clubs and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is local officer in the American Legion Auxiliary. In her political work she has been selected three times to act as district chairman.

During the World war, three brothers of Miss Parish were commissioned officers, and she and her father filled many speaking engagements in the different patriotic drives. She served two years as head of the home service department of the Saline County Red Cross, and in many other ways contributed her efforts to the cause of the country. She wields a wide influence along many lines and is particularly helpful in those movements which are making for intellectual, social and cultural progress.

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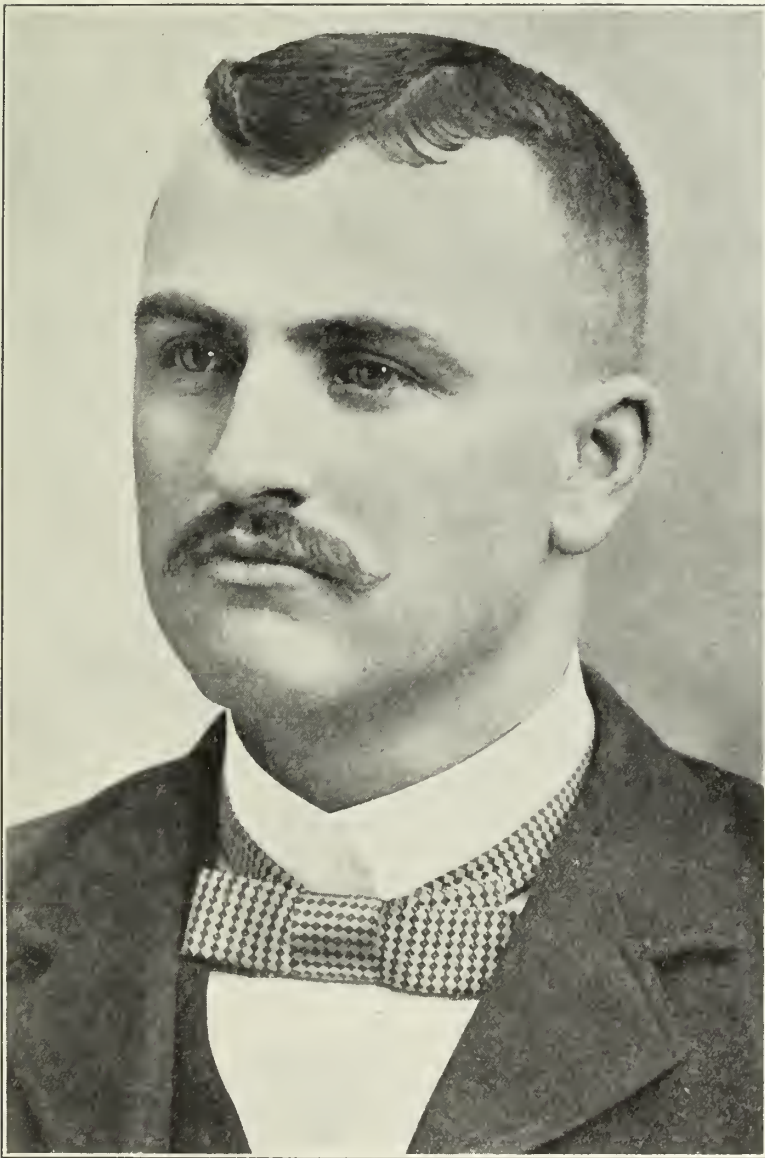
#### CHARLES D. ROCK

Charles D. Rock is engaged in the monument business at Farmer City, being now president of the firm of C. D. Rock & Company. He was born near Monticello, in Piatt county, Illinois, December 31, 1870, a son of David and Margaret Rock, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. The father was a farmer by occupation, owning and cultivating a tract of land near Monticello. In politics he was a democrat.

The public schools of Monticello accorded Charles D. Rock his educational opportunities and when he had concluded his school course he turned his attention to the grocery business, in which he was engaged for some time. Later he became interested in the monument business, which he still carries on in Farmer City, having here developed an excellent trade. His operations are conducted under the name of C. D. Rock & Company. He thoroughly understands the business in principle and detail and the excellent work which he turns out has recommended him to the further patronage of the public.

In early manhood Mr. Rock was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Boon, of Piatt county, Illinois. They are the parents of a son and a daughter: Roy J., who is deputy circuit clerk of De Witt county; and Edna G., who has taught school in Bloomington, Illinois, for the past fourteen years.

Mr. Rock belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with the blue lodge in Farmer City. He has always been a very active democrat and has been a member of the county committee for sixteen years, thus taking active part in shaping the policies and directing the destinies of the party in De Witt county. For two years he served as mayor of Farmer City and for two terms he occupied the position of postmaster under President Wilson. No one ever questions his party loyalty and he is accounted one of the outstanding democrats of his section of the state.



CHARLES D. ROCK





## LOUIS V. KEELEY

Louis V. Keeley, a member of the state police, living in Plainfield, was born in Ransom, Illinois, October 31, 1894, a son of John W. and Mary C. Keeley, both of whom have departed this life. For twelve or fifteen years they made their home in Lockport, Illinois, but their last days were spent in Michigan.

Louis V. Keeley was educated in the schools of Grand Ridge, Illinois, and after completing his studies he devoted eleven years to the drug business in Ottawa and Seneca. He then came to Plainfield, where he was associated with his father in the grocery and bakery business. Subsequently he became connected with the railroad and bus line and devoted eleven years to that work, at the same time being interested in a restaurant in Plainfield. He has led an active, busy and useful life and since the 21st of February, 1933, he has been a member of the state police. He has never felt that there was any reason to falter in his allegiance to democracy and he is now serving as precinct committeeman, having brought his precinct from thirty to one hundred democratic votes. In 1932 he helped manage a democratic rally in Plainfield, the first in the history of the town, and it was regarded as a big success.

In October, 1915, Mr. Keeley was united in marriage to Miss Edith Greene and they are the parents of a daughter, Janet. They are well known in Plainfield and throughout this part of Will county, Mr. Keeley being regarded as a progressive business man and representative citizen.

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JOHN W. MCGANN

John W. McGann, chief clerk of the state highway department at Peoria, is a native of this city, his birth having here occurred September 8, 1895, his parents being Andrew and Mary Ann (Connors) McGann. The father was born in County Roscommon, Ireland, and the mother was born in Peoria county, Illinois, being a daughter of Luke and Honora Connors. Her father was a veteran of the Civil war and was a well known pioneer resident of this section of the state. In the family of Andrew and Mary Ann McGann were eight children: Michael J., Harry, Mark, George, Mae, Catherine, John W. and Bartholomew. Of this number both Harry and Bartholomew served in the World war, the latter as a member of the Medical Corps. He was wounded when in front-line action in France and his injuries ultimately resulted in his death. He was married and had one son.

John W. McGann attended school in Peoria, pursuing his studies in St. Patrick's parochial school and afterward graduating from Spalding Institute. When his textbooks were put aside he obtained employment in local industries and carefully saved his earnings until his energy and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to establish a retail grocery store. This he conducted until his appointment to his present position as chief clerk of the state highway department at Peoria. He has served in this capacity since 1933 and has made a commendable record by his systematic and faithful performance of duty. Always a democrat, he has been a zealous party worker and has served as precinct committeeman and as district captain of four townships in the 1932 election. He made the race for state representative in that year and achieved a creditable showing. He is now the secretary of the Peoria county central committee of the democratic party and does all in his power to further the interests of the organization.

In early manhood Mr. McGann was united in marriage to Miss Lucille Yingst, a native of Peoria, Illinois, and a daughter of John and Hattie Yingst. To them have been born four children, namely: Betty Ann, John W., Jr., Robert and Mary Elizabeth. Mrs. McGann, like her husband, is a staunch democrat and is very active in the women's organization of Peoria. Both are communicants of the Catholic Church, and Mr. McGann is assistant secretary of the Knights of Columbus.

## JOHN D. LYLE

John D. Lyle, who has the agency for the Chevrolet car in Sparta, was born April 9, 1878, in the city which is still his home. His father, William J. Lyle, a native of Ireland, was born in 1847 but came to the United States in 1854 and served as a soldier of the Union Army, enlisting when but fourteen years of age. He was on active military duty for four years and his father, James Lyle, was also a veteran of the Civil war. The family settled in Randolph county, Illinois, and for a long period William J. Lyle was a merchant of Sparta. He gave his political allegiance to the Republican party until 1896, when he voted for William Jennings Bryan and thereafter was a democrat until his death in 1931. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Ellen Miller, was born in Sparta, Illinois, and died during the childhood of her son John. Her parents were Andrew and Martha Miller, the former a locksmith and mechanic of Sparta.

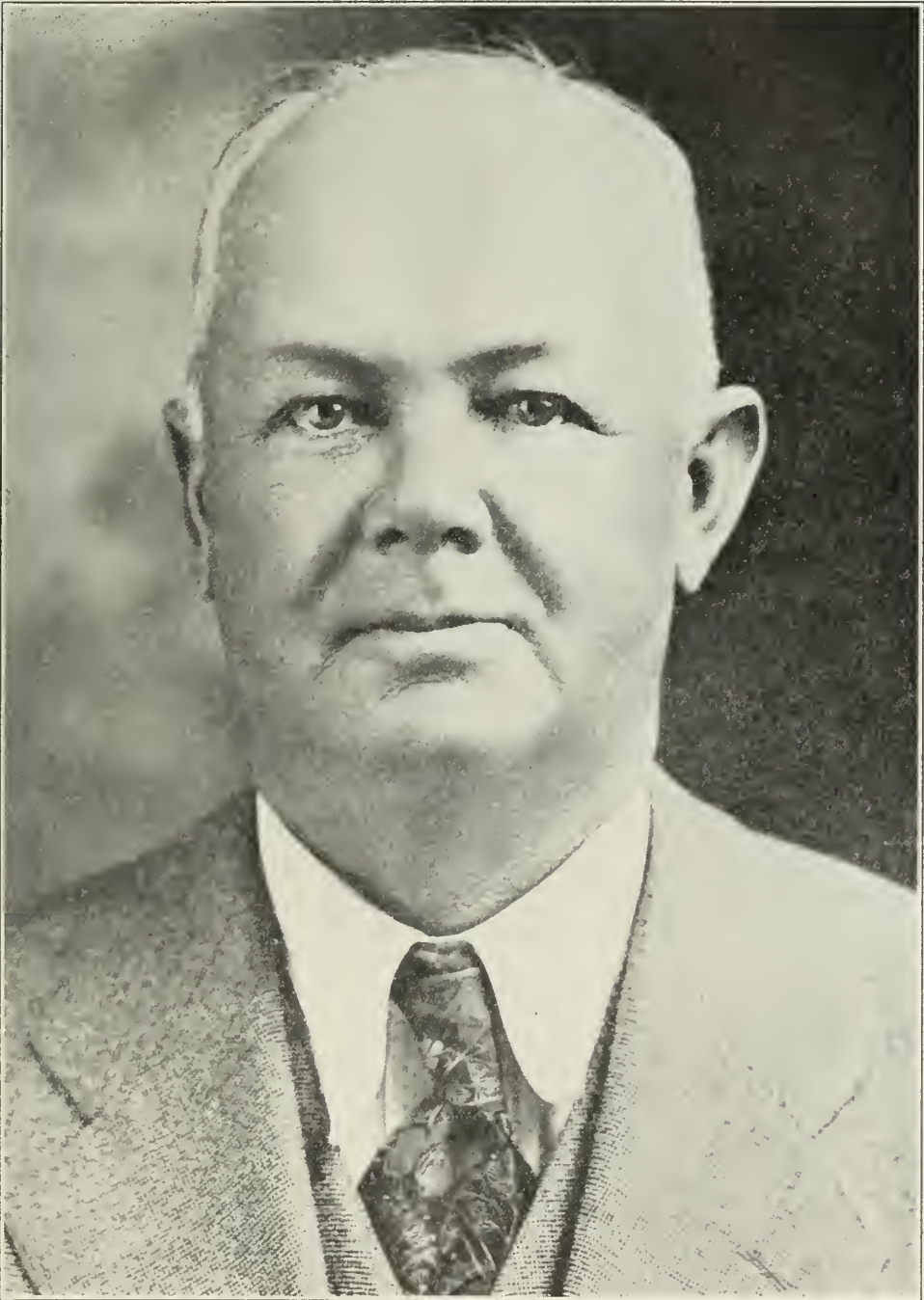
At the usual age John D. Lyle entered the public schools, mastering the work of successive grades until he became a high school student. True to the military record of his forebears, he volunteered for service in the Spanish-American war and was on duty in the Philippine Islands, continuing with the army until 1901. He then entered a veterinary college in Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1904 with the M. D. C. degree. For twenty years he practiced his profession in Sparta and in 1917 turned his attention to the automobile business, remaining, however, in veterinary practice until 1924, when he retired from that field. He is now a well known representative of the motor car business, handling the Chevrolet, and his agency has maintained an excellent trade even through the period of financial depression. He has always been a lover of fine horses and enjoys raising and handling thoroughbred and standard-bred stock. He finds recreation in quail hunting during the open season for that bird.

In 1907 Mr. Lyle was married to Miss Mayme Niel, a native of Sparta, Illinois, whose father, Robert Niel, was of Scotch descent and was a soldier of the Union Army in the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle have two living children, John D., Jr., and Katherine, and they also lost a son. The parents belong to the United Presbyterian Church, and fraternally Mr. Lyle is a Mason. Outside of business he is perhaps best known through his political activity and is regarded as one of the most active and prominent democrats of Randolph county. He has served for two terms as alderman of Sparta and for two terms as mayor of the city, giving to Sparta a clean and public-spirited administration characterized by many progressive measures. In 1933 he was appointed oil inspector for the district comprising Randolph, Perry and Washington counties. He has the notable record of having served for twenty years on the democratic county central committee and was at one time its chairman. He shows keen insight into political affairs and his opinions always carry weight in local party councils.

## FRANK S. DAVIS

Frank S. Davis, usually known as "Dixie" Davis, resides in Havana and is filling the office of game warden. He was born in Bath, Illinois, February 27, 1908, and is a son of Bert and Edith (Hayward) Davis, who are Mason county people now living in Havana. The father, who was born in Chandlerville, was a stationary engineer and also operated a grain thresher for many years. For a four-year period he filled the position of engineer at the city waterworks in Havana. In politics he is an active democrat and he served for two terms as ward committeeman.

After completing his education in the Havana high school, "Dixie" Davis spent two and one-half years in Chicago in the employ of an ice cream manufacturer, with whom he thoroughly learned the business in all of its various phases. When he was only seventeen years of age he became an active factor in democratic politics as a driver and worker at elections in Havana. In 1932 he was chosen precinct committeeman and in 1934 was re-elected, so that he is now acting in that position for a second term, being secretary of the county central



JOHN D. LYLE





committee. He is a firm believer in party principles, which he consistently upholds, and is accounted one of the best known representatives of the party in his district. In April, 1933, he was appointed game warden and the duties of the office now claim his time and attention. The men of the family have always been ardent democrats. His grandfather, James Davis, who founded the family in this section of Illinois, is an enthusiastic champion of democracy and is the grandfather of seventy-five voters in this section, sixty-five of whom voted in the democratic primaries.

In 1931 "Dixie" Davis was married to Miss Mary Drewitch, of Pekin, Illinois, and they have two children, Duane and Donne.

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### JAMES HIGGINS

James Higgins, of St. David, Illinois, where he has held various local offices and is now serving as postmaster, a fact which indicates his allegiance to democracy, was born in Elkhville, Jackson county, this state, January 1, 1895. His parents were Michael and Sarah Higgins, the latter now deceased, while the former is still living in St. David.

James Higgins was educated in the local schools of Gardner, Illinois, a coal town to which his father had removed during the early youth of his son James. After his textbooks were put aside he worked in a store. A quarter of a century ago the family home was established in St. David and here James Higgins worked in the store of Martin Brothers for ten years. On the expiration of that period he engaged in the trucking business on his own account and is still active in that line, having built up a substantial business.

On the 5th of July, 1917, Mr. Higgins was married to Miss Naomi Paulding and they have three children, Harold, Rosalie and Shirley May, all of whom are under the parental roof.

Mr. Higgins is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose. He was reared in the faith of the democratic party and has followed in the political footsteps of his father, who at one time was police magistrate of St. David. Giving unfaltering allegiance to the party, James Higgins has been called to serve in various local offices, having been village clerk, township clerk and township supervisor. He has never been defeated for an elective office, for he enjoys the confidence and goodwill of his fellow townsmen, who recognize his loyalty to any public trust. He resigned the position of supervisor in 1934 to become postmaster of St. David and is now acting in that capacity, while at the same time he directs his private business interests.

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### WILLIAM W. WATTS

William W. Watts, a well known beverage dealer of Springfield, Illinois, and formerly one of the most prominent theatrical men of the state, is one of democracy's strongest advocates because of his sincere and heartfelt belief in the repeal of the prohibition law, in that it was destructive to personal liberty and a source of crime and corruption. Any citizen of the United States has the inalienable right to act according to the dictates of his better judgment. Mr. Watts perceived in the policies of the new democratic administration a most certain cure for the evils which existed and he is to be commended for his courage in making his decision.

William W. Watts was born on a farm in Maumee, Ohio, on the 19th of August, 1871, and is a son of J. H. and Sarah (Quinn) Watts. His father was a native of the state of Vermont, and became a captain on vessels which operated on the Great Lakes. He served the Anchor Line and many other transportation mediums. The family lived in various cities during this period. Mr. Watts' mother was born in Scotland and came to the United States when she was a young girl. Both parents are now deceased.

Mr. Watts first attended the country schools, then came to Chicago with

his family when he was very young. Some time was spent, however, in Canada, also in Buffalo, while he was a child. They lived in Chicago thirty or forty years. Mr. Watts received his education in the public schools.

In 1904 Mr. Watts came to Springfield, Illinois, and here started in the theatrical business. He brought with him a most complete fund of experience, for he had worked with circuses, carnivals and theaters for a number of years before, and knew the business from top to bottom. His first venture in Springfield was the Leland theater on Sixth street, after which he was in Jacksonville for one year. Returning to Springfield, he opened the Vaudette on Fifth street, which is now the Tivoli, and also the Savoy theater on the east side of the square. He next took over the Gaiety, which is now the Senate theater, and then acquired the Princess, which is now the Lincoln at Capitol and Fifth streets. This he extensively remodeled, making eleven hundred seats instead of the former four hundred. Mr. Watts conducted his theaters with rare skill and made them very popular with the citizens of Springfield. He acquired material success in his business, and subsequently disposed of his holdings to the Fox interests and the Kerasotes Brothers five years ago. He then established the W. W. Watts Beverage Company, which now handles a complete and varied line of whiskies, beer and soft drinks. This is a large concern, fourteen to sixteen employes being retained and his trade territory covers thirteen counties.

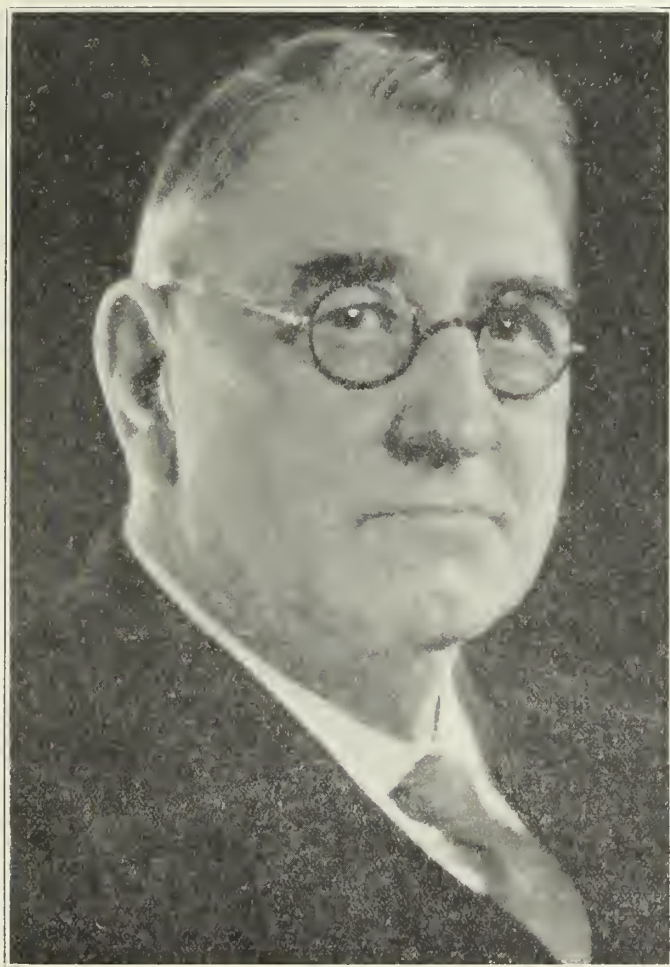
Mr. Watts was married to Emma Johnson, who was born in Michigan, and died in 1923. There is one daughter, who is Mrs. Grace Thornton of Springfield. Fraternally Mr. Watts is a life member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Formerly, he was a member of the Lions Club.

#### CLIFFORD E. BEACH

Clifford E. Beach, an attorney practicing at the Iroquois county bar, makes his home in Gilman. He was born in this county, May 16, 1866, and is a son of Freedus P. and Nancy (Lewis) Beach. He acquired a public school education and was graduated from Grand Prairie Seminary at Onarga, Illinois, thus completing his more specifically literary course. Having determined upon the practice of law as a life work, he next entered the Bloomington Law School and was graduated on the 11th of June, 1894, with the LL. B. degree. He at once entered upon the active practice of law, in which he has since continued, and he is regarded as one of the foremost attorneys of Iroquois county. His practice has steadily grown in volume and importance as the years have gone by and he has demonstrated his ability to cope with the intricate and involved problems of the courts.

On the 1st of February, 1888, in Delrey, Illinois, Mr. Beach married Miss Lizzie Lindsey and to them were born two children, Nita and Leola. On the 10th of March, 1921, in Wheaton, Illinois, he was again married, his second union being with Mary Essie Wells.

In his younger days Mr. Beach was identified with the Illinois National Guard, being a member of the Third Regiment for three years, from 1893 until 1896. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and with the Knights of Pythias and is always loyal to their teachings and purposes. Something of the nature of his interests and recreation is shown in the fact that he belongs to Literary, Chess and Skat Clubs of Iroquois and Kankakee counties. Politically he is an earnest democrat. In 1908 he was a candidate for lieutenant governor but met defeat with the others on the state ticket of his party. During 1899 and 1900 he was city attorney of Paxton, Illinois, and in 1907 became mayor of that city, serving for a two years' term. He has ever been a loyal supporter of the democratic party organization. As a lawyer and as a citizen he ranks high and his ability in the practice of law is widely acknowledged. He defended the



C. E. BEACH





Cappelano's in the famous Ranieri boy kidnapping case and has tried several famous murder cases and has been as he modestly puts it, "lucky in criminal cases," having won over seventy-five per cent of them, always defending.

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### JAMES H. BATTICE

Among the foremost democrats of Stephenson county, Illinois, is James H. Battice, of Freeport, who, since April 24, 1933, has served as investigator in the Motor Field Tax Division of the Department of Finance, a position of real responsibility which reflects well upon his ability. Mr. Battice is a native son of Chicago, Illinois, and his parents are James L. and Hattie (Rusbacker) Battice. The father, who was born in Port Huron, Michigan, was for many years an interior decorator in Chicago, but now is a resident of Freeport. He is a democrat of the first water.

James H. Battice first attended the public schools of Clyde, a suburb of Chicago, and was a student in the John Sterling Morton high school for three years. About 1913 he came to Freeport. For about fourteen years he was associated with the Illinois Central Railroad, and on the above mentioned date was appointed to his present position, which he is filling with characteristic ability and efficiency. Democracy has been a favorite subject with him, and he has given every assistance to the party in his section of the state. He began when he was old enough to vote, and has served one term as alderman of Freeport. In April, 1934 he was elected a precinct committeeman.

In 1914 Mr. Battice was united in marriage to Miss Anna Stricker. One son, now deceased, was born to their union.

Mr. Battice's religious affiliation is with the Lutheran Church, and his fraternal connection is with the Masonic Order. In social and civic affairs of Stephenson county, Mr. Battice has been a prominent figure and has won many friends by his cooperative spirit.

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### WALTER HENRY CRAIG

Walter Henry Craig, of Clayton, Illinois, well known in the banking circles of his section of the state, was born in Liberty, Illinois, November 27, 1882, a son of Warren Trumble and Lizzie A. (Sargent) Craig. His grandfather in the paternal line was Henry C. Craig, a pioneer settler of Adams county, this state, having removed from Scott county, Indiana, in 1829. He served as supervisor from Liberty township and from Clayton township and was sheriff of Adams county in 1867 and 1868. He married Virginia Farmer, a native of Alabama. The maternal grandfather of W. H. Craig was Walter Sargent, who served as a Union soldier in the Civil war with Company I, One Hundred and Nineteenth Illinois Infantry. He and his wife, Lydia A. Sargent, were among the early residents of Adams county, having come west from South Berwick, Maine, and were descendants of the early Pilgrims. Mr. and Mrs. Warren T. Craig are highly esteemed residents of Clayton and Mr. Craig is a successful farmer and business man.

Walter H. Craig pursued the work of the grades in the country school near his home, was graduated from the high school at Clayton in 1900 and won the A. B. degree on his graduation from Knox College at Galesburg in 1905. Since that time he has been connected with the banking business in Clayton and at the present writing is cashier and a director of the Clayton State Bank. For thirty years his entire attention has been given to the banking business, with every phase of which he is familiar, and he has oftentimes found the correct solution for intricate and involved financial problems, whereby the interests of the Clayton State Bank have been greatly promoted. He is a past president of the Adams

County Bankers Association and is now president of Group 11 of the Illinois Bankers Association.

On the 27th of October, 1908, in Clayton, Illinois, Mr. Craig was united in marriage to Miss Effie G. Gruber, daughter of Anthony and Sarah Elizabeth Gruber, early settlers of Adams county. She is a graduate of the Clayton high school and is an efficient business woman and an able helpmate to her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Craig have a daughter, Helen Isabel, an accomplished musician, who is a junior at MacMurray's Woman's College of Jacksonville, Illinois. Mr. Craig is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Clayton and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Quincy and is always loyal to the high purposes of these fraternities. He has always voted the democratic ticket, thus following the example of his father and grandfather, who were loyal members of the democratic party. Mr. Craig attended the democratic national convention in San Francisco in 1920, there serving as sergeant-at-arms. He is a member of the board of education of Clayton and belongs to the Presbyterian Church. At all times his deep interest in the political, social, intellectual and moral welfare of the community is manifest in his hearty cooperation in movements for the public good.

#### V. Y. DALLMAN, SR.

V. Y. Dallman, Sr., editor-in-chief of the Illinois State Register of Springfield since 1927, comes from a pioneer family which has long been a constructive force in central Illinois.

Mr. Dallman is the son of the late Charles and Harriet Dallman and was born, the last of eleven children, in Springfield October 26, 1873. His father was at that time a contractor and builder and was for many years in the early days of Springfield a member of the pioneer carpenter firm, Dallman and Graham, builders of many of the early homes. They also had contracts which had to do with remodeling at the old Lincoln home and at the Sangamon County Court House, formerly the state capitol of Illinois.

V. Y. Dallman's parents were close friends of Abraham and Mrs. Lincoln before the period of the Civil War and resided for a time on the north side of Jackson Street west of Eighth Street and in the immediate neighborhood of the Lincoln home. It is a matter of pride in the Dallman family that when Mrs. Dallman became very critically ill following the birth of one of her many children, the doctor forbade that she nurse the baby, and Mrs. Lincoln, hearing of her dilemma, volunteered to nurse the infant at the same time she was nursing one of her own children.

Mrs. Dallman loved to tell the story in her declining years how Mr. Lincoln would carry the infant Dallman baby back and forth across the street and deposit her in the little cradle and then sit and ponder upon the problems which finally burst into the flames which precipitated the Civil War.

The elder Mr. Dallman was a member of the city council of Springfield at the time of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and was one of the honorary pallbearers at the Lincoln funeral.

V. Y. Dallman attended the old Lincoln school in Springfield, graduating as valedictorian, and later graduated from the Springfield High School, following which he attended business college. During his high school years he carried newspapers, becoming assistant circulation manager following his graduation in 1893, soon being promoted to a place on the reportorial staff. He was successively reporter, city editor, telegraph editor, and assistant to the editor-in-chief of those days, the late Henry W. Clendenin, whom he succeeded as editor-in-chief. At intervals Mr. Dallman was correspondent for metropolitan journals. He has written extensively on many subjects. Traveling principally upon units of the United States Navy, his specialty in his writings of recent years has been on the subject of the Navy and the outposts of the United States in the West Indies, the Virgin Islands, the Panama Canal Zone and the Hawaiian Islands, where his visits and personal observation have imparted first-hand information.



V. Y. DALLMAN, SR.





Tremendously interested in politics and statecraft, Mr. Dallman was one of the prime movers in securing the adoption by Springfield of the election commission system in 1906, thus combatting the corruption of local elections, and the adoption of the commission form of government for Springfield in 1911, establishing municipal government on a non-partisan basis. During these and subsequent local struggles, Mr. Dallman was closely identified with Willis J. Spaulding in promoting the latter's program of development of the municipally owned water, light and power properties.

In 1898 when President McKinley called for volunteers for the Spanish-American War, Mr. Dallman resigned his position as reporter and was accepted for volunteer service in Troop D, First Illinois Cavalry, serving through the war with that unit. Upon his return to Springfield he was re-employed by the Illinois State Register but continued his military activities for a few years as First Lieutenant of Engineers in the Illinois National Guard.

Interested in church, fraternal and civic club work, Mr. Dallman has been a life-long member of St. Paul's Episcopal church. He is past president of the Springfield Rotary club and father of the Inter-Civic Club Council, through which some activities of all of the men's service clubs have been co-ordinated. In 1928 Mr. Dallman was voted "Springfield's most useful citizen" and a gold medal awarded him following a contest conducted by the Cosmopolitan club.

Following Mr. Dallman's activity in behalf of the nomination of the late President Woodrow Wilson at the national convention held in Baltimore in 1912, Mr. Dallman was appointed by President Wilson as United States Marshal for the Southern district of Illinois, with headquarters in Springfield. Following the re-election of President Wilson, Mr. Dallman was reappointed in 1918, continuing his service as Marshal until 1922. He has attended all national conventions of both major parties in the past thirty years as a political writer and was elected district delegate to the Democratic national convention held in Madison Square Garden in New York in 1924. He had his first contact with Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York at the Democratic national convention in San Francisco in 1920, where the latter was nominated for the vice-presidency.

Recognizing in Mr. Roosevelt the possibilities of great national leadership, Mr. Dallman was elected delegate to the Democratic national convention in Chicago in 1932 and was recognized as leader of a group of fifteen delegates who fought for and supported the Roosevelt program before and during the convention.

Desiring to have Mr. Dallman in his official family at Washington, President Roosevelt appointed him a member of the United States Board of Mediation.

Mr. Dallman declined this appointment but in September, 1933, accepted appointment as Collector of Internal Revenue for the Eighth Illinois district. Upon his recommendation the district was enlarged to include the Peoria area, thus making it one of the largest districts in the United States geographically and in point of total collections.

Mr. Dallman is a 32 degree Mason, member of Ansar Shrine, active in the Royal Order of Jesters, is a member of the local tribe of Red Men and of the Elks and Sangamo clubs of Springfield.

In 1901 Mr. Dallman married Miss Marie Poston. They have two children; a son, V. Y. Dallman, Jr., an insurance adjuster, and one daughter, Miss Betty, instructor in physical education at the Feitshans High school in Springfield.

The residence address is 217 East Lawrence Avenue, Springfield.

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#### MRS. VENETA L. MOSS

Mrs. Veneta L. Moss, living in Dakota, Stephenson county, is now serving as postmaster of the town. She is a daughter of Amos and Della (Stamm) Phillips. Her father is a farmer of Lancaster township, Stephenson county, living about three and one-half miles west of Dakota. His interest in citizenship is manifested as a staunch democrat.

His daughter, Veneta L. Phillips, attended the public schools of Lancaster township and the high school of Dakota, from which she was graduated in 1928. Three years later, on the 2d of September, 1931, she became the wife of Ralph C. Moss, who was born in Buckeye township, Stephenson county, Illinois, May 1, 1908, and is a son of Oscar and Florence (Turner) Moss. His father, who died in 1929, was a blacksmith during the last twenty-one years of his life in Dakota and he, too, was a stalwart supporter of the democratic party. Ralph C. Moss attended the public schools of Dakota and is numbered among the high school alumni of the class of 1927. Since the fall of 1929 he has engaged in the garage business of his own account in Dakota and is a representative citizen of his community, being alert and energetic in the conduct of his business affairs. He has been active in democratic circles since old enough to vote and in 1934 was elected precinct committeeman. Mrs. Moss has also manifested a most helpful interest in support of democracy since 1932 and on the 3d of November, 1933, she was appointed postmaster of Dakota, assuming the duties of the position on the 15th of the month. She is making a creditable record in the office and never neglects her work in the least degree. Both Mr. and Mrs. Moss hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and they have a large circle of friends in their home community.

#### PETER J. DUFFY

The high status of the democratic party in Lake county, Illinois, is largely attributable to men such as Peter J. Duffy, who for fifteen years has been justice of the peace, was one of the original democratic committeemen in Lake county and has been a commanding figure in democratic politics for many years. Resident of Deerfield, he has taken a sincere and active interest in educational and civic affairs and holds high and well deserved repute in his home community.

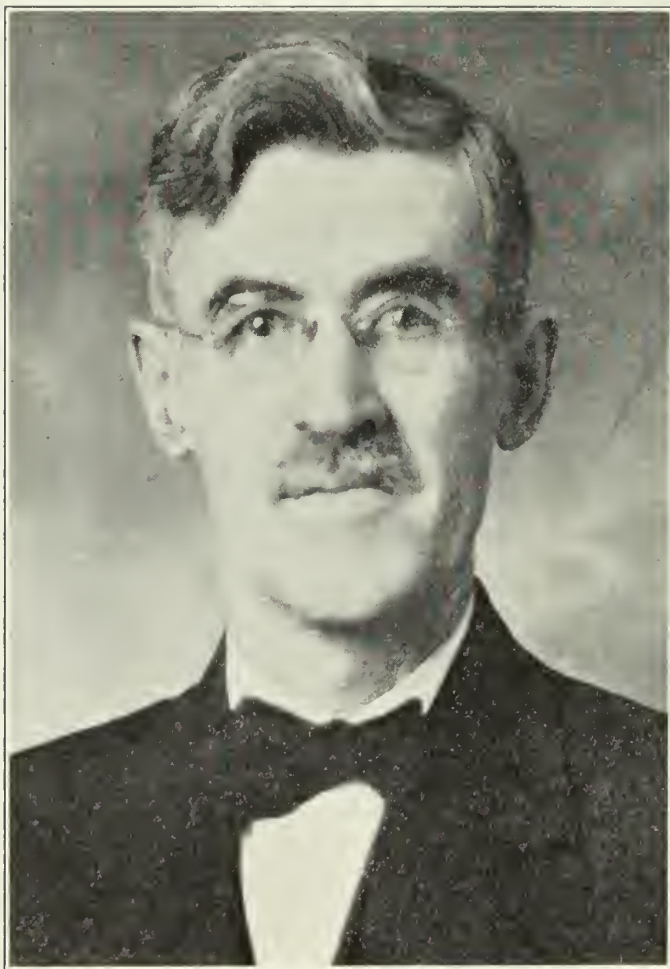
Peter J. Duffy is a native of Deerfield, Illinois, born September 24, 1875. He is a son of Thomas and Mary (Merriman) Duffy. The father, also born in Deerfield township, was a farmer for many years and later conducted a hotel in Deerfield. He was a democrat of the first rank in every particular. His father, grandfather of Peter J., was James Duffy, who was born in Ireland, and came to the United States in 1834. He settled in Deerfield and bought land from the government, which he farmed and which also remained in the family for ninety years. James Duffy was also a democrat and for many years held the position of township assessor. The mother of Peter J. Duffy was born in Waukegan township and her parents were also among the early settlers of Lake county.

The public schools of Deerfield afforded Peter J. Duffy with his early education, which was supplemented by a course in the Metropolitan Business College of Chicago. After completing his studies he became a telegraph operator and worked at various places for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road. When seventeen years of age, he was station agent in Libertyville. He railroaded for about fifteen years and eventually became chief clerk of the Baltimore & Ohio in Chicago. Afterward he entered the retail lumber business in Deerfield and conducted it with outstanding success for about twelve years. He sold this business eventually.

In Democratic circles Mr. Duffy has been a leader for many years. He served one term as township tax collector and during his regime allotted ten and a half millions of dollars in special assessments. He was one of the original democratic committeemen in Lake county and served many years, or until 1934. In every election he has appointed the democratic election judges. In civic, educational and other activities of Deerfield he has also been active, and for the last fifteen years has been a director of the Deerfield-Shields high school and all the schools in the towns of Highwood, Highland Park, Ravinia and Deerfield.

Mr. Duffy was married in the year 1915 to Miss Stasia Quinn, who was born in Ireland, and to their happy union there have been born three children,





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as follows: Thomas F., Peter J., and Richard. Mrs. Duffy has been intensely interested in democratic politics and activities, and is among the leading women of the community in this respect. She is a fearless leader of the democratic party and is very successful in obtaining a considerable amount of younger voters in all the campaigns.

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#### GUY U. YOUNG

Guy U. Young, prominently known in labor circles and now acting as special adviser to the United Mine Workers of America, makes his home Herrin. He came to Illinois from the neighboring state of Indiana, his birth having there occurred in Frankfort in 1879, his parents being Warren and Lettie (Jones) Young. They, too, were natives of Indiana, the former born in 1842. Warren Young became a carpenter by trade and he was also a lifelong democrat, while the Jones family were likewise of the same political belief.

In the year 1884, when Guy U. Young was a lad of five summers, the family removed to Tennessee, where he pursued his education in rural schools. He was yet a child when his father died, and being thus thrown upon his own resources, he began working in the mines. The year 1909 witnessed his arrival in Herrin, where he continued his mining activities until 1921. In the meantime he had become greatly interested in the problems vital to organized labor and in the latter year was made lobbyist for the United Mine Workers of America in the state legislature. He concentrated his efforts upon the improvement of labor conditions through political channels from 1921 until 1933, when he became general adviser to the unions of the United Mine Workers of America and is still acting in that capacity.

In 1900 Mr. Young was married in Rockwood, Tennessee, to Anna Tauscher, a daughter of Ernest Tauscher, who was a shoemaker. In politics Mr. Tauscher was a radical democrat and twice he served as mayor of Rockwood, while on another occasion he was police magistrate of the town. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Young are seven in number, namely: Milton H., Charles Henry, Lawrence P., Warren E., Guy U., Jr., Earl H. and Lettie Lucy. The family attends the Presbyterian Church and Mr. Young contributes to its support, although he is not a member. In September, 1933, he completed a term as grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, the highest state office, and has been active in this order for twenty years. He likewise belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He reads widely, studies closely and thinks deeply upon the subject of labor conditions and is ever seeking to improve and advance opportunities for the laboring man. He knows the full value of organization and his opinions as related to the local unions carry great weight.

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#### JAMES A. PENNY

For six years James A. Penny has engaged in the practice of law in Rockford and while continuing in general practice he specializes largely in insurance and probate work. Born in Memphis, Tennessee, December 27, 1903, he is a son of W. R. and Stella C. (Chapleau) Penny, the latter a native of Massachusetts. The father was born in Chicago and became an accountant, continuing his activities in that field of business in his native city until his death, which occurred in November, 1930. He was always a stanch democrat, giving unfaltering allegiance to the party. His widow survives and yet makes her home in Chicago.

James A. Penny attended the public schools of Chicago until he had completed the high school course, after which he was a student in St. Ignatius Academy and later in Loyola University of that city, finishing his law course in the latter institution in 1925, at which time the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him. Subsequently he was employed in the legal department of the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company in Chicago and this gave him knowledge and experience concerning insurance law. On the 10th of February, 1927, he was

admitted to practice at the bar of Illinois and on the 1st of July, 1928, came to Rockford, where he has since followed his profession. He is an acknowledged authority upon legal matters pertaining to insurance and he also gives considerable attention to probate work, while at the same time he continues in general law practice.

Mr. Penny has been a staunch democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and since his removal to Rockford he has been an active worker in the 1928 and 1932 campaigns, urging support for the entire ticket. In April, 1934, he was made his party's nominee for the office of probate judge, but was unsuccessful in the general election.

In 1933 Mr. Penny was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Cahill, a native of Freeport, Illinois, and a daughter of William and Honora (Reardon) Cahill, representing a pioneer democratic family of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Penny are the parents of a son, James A., Jr. They are the communicants of St. Peter's Catholic Church and Mr. Penny belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He also has membership with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and he is a member of the Delta Theta Phi, a legal fraternity. Along professional lines he is connected with the Winnebago County and Illinois State Bar Associations. He is a member of the library board of Rockford and also receiver and attorney for the Seward State Bank and the Rockton State Bank of Winnebago county. His interest in community affairs is a vital force in public progress here and he is always found as a champion of every plan or measure for the general good.

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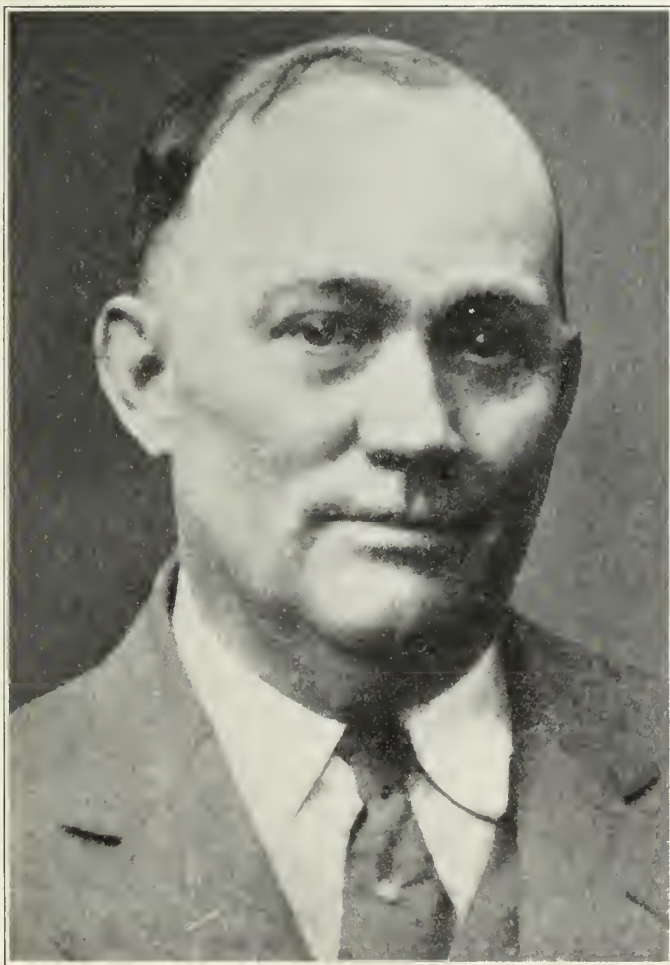
### EDWARD HAGNAUER

Edward Hagnauer, a resident of Venice who is serving as custodian of the levees of the East Side Levee and Sanitary Board for Madison county, was born in Highland, Illinois, July 1, 1871. His father, Robert Hagnauer, was born and reared in Madison county and came of Swiss ancestry. For many years he was a hardware salesman and he also followed farming. He gave stalwart political support to the democratic party and served for three terms as clerk of the circuit court. He married Elizabeth Felder, a daughter of Dr. Abraham Felder, a prominent physician of Highland.

Edward Hagnauer was a lad of nine years when the family removed to Edwardsville, where he attended the public schools. For two years he was cashier in a barber shop in the old Southern Hotel in St. Louis and then returned to Edwardsville, where he was employed by the N. O. Nelson Manufacturing Company. He was yet a young man when elected city clerk, being one of the youngest in the state to fill that office. Subsequently he spent a few years in the employ of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company of St. Louis and then came to Venice, where he was with the East Side Railway Company for six years. He took an active part in organized labor movements and became president of the Venice Local of Amalgamated Electric Line Employees. He afterward served for two and one-half years on the Venice police force and for eight years occupied the position of deputy sheriff. In 1901 he was elected precinct committeeman from Venice and has been a member of the county committee continuously since. He is now the oldest committeeman in the county from the point of length of service. For more than sixteen years he has been supervisor of Venice and a member of the county board. At the present writing he is doing efficient service as custodian of the levees of the East Side Levee and Sanitary Board for Madison county. He is on the liquor control committee of the county board and in past years has served on every committee. He is also a member of the executive committee of the democratic county committee and he has attended all the judicial and state conventions in the past twenty years.

In early manhood Mr. Hagnauer was united in marriage to Miss Rosa





EDWARD HAGNAUER



Henry, a sister of H. Simon Henry, of Edwardsville. They became the parents of five children, as follows: Robert, who served with the American Expeditionary Forces in the World war and passed away June 12, 1933, leaving his widow and six children—Cecelia, Edward, Ruth, Robert, Nelson and Charles Henry; two who died in infancy; Ruth Cleveland, who also died as an infant; and Nelson, whose death occurred when he was fifteen years of age. The wife and mother passed away November 26, 1904. Four years later, in 1908, Mr. Hagnauer married Miss Anna Doyle, of East St. Louis. He is a member of St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church of Venice, where he is widely and favorably known. He never lightly regards his duties of citizenship and is most loyal to every trust reposed in him. The creditable record which he has made as the years have gone by has won for him high regard and all who know him bear testimony to his worth.

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#### WILLIAM T. MORAN

William T. Moran, who holds the position of automobile inspector in Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, has since 1923 been actively affiliated with the democratic party and has contributed much toward the success of the party in his section of the state.

William T. Moran is a native of Macon county, Illinois, where his birth occurred December 9, 1894, and is a son of Melrose and Lillian (Whittington) Moran. The father was born in West Virginia and came to Macon county when a young man. He was a painting contractor by trade. The mother was born in Macon county.

Mr. Moran attended the public schools of Decatur, including the high school, and in addition studied in Brown's Business College. For two years thereafter, he was employed by the Adams Express Company, and then for a short time was with Smith Brothers of Decatur. Next he went to Indiana and became an agent for the Adams Express Company, which position he retained for five years. From 1915 until 1928, he worked as a painting contractor, a trade which he had learned from his father, and later, until 1933, was in the oil business. He was appointed automobile inspector August 28, 1933, by Edward Hughes. In the work of the democratic party, Mr. Moran has been a precinct committeeman since 1930, and has always supported the whole ticket. He has attended several state and judicial conventions.

In 1928 Mr. Moran was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Sanderlin, a native of Illinois. Like many modern woman she is actively interested in democratic politics. She is a member of the Macon County Women's Democratic Club and is on the executive committee of this organization, which is very influential.

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#### VERNON W. SPELMAN

Vernon W. Spelman, occupying the position of postmaster at Davis, Stephenson county, is a native of this locality, his birth having occurred on a farm about four and one-half miles south of Davis, January 16, 1909. His parents, William and Elizabeth (Flynn) Spelman, are both natives of Rock Run township, Stephenson county. The father, born December 6, 1871, has devoted his entire life to farming in Rock Run township. Politically he has always been a staunch supporter of democracy and has served as precinct committeeman. The paternal grandparents of our subject were James and Bridget Spelman, the former also a farmer, well known in Stephenson county. He voted the democratic ticket and made his home in Rock Run township.

Vernon W. Spelman attended the rural schools of his home locality and spent one year as a pupil in the high school at Dubuque, Iowa, and three years in high school at Peca-tonica, Illinois, where he was graduated as a member of the class of 1927. During vacation periods he assisted his father in the farm

work and when his textbooks were put aside gave his entire attention to farming with his father until he took office as postmaster of Davis on the 15th of February, 1934, having been commissioned on the 9th of the month. He has proven a faithful federal officer and he is well known as an active worker in democratic ranks, having supported the party since old enough to vote. His religious faith is that of the Catholic Church. He comes of a family long, widely and favorably known in this part of the state and his well spent life has gained for him the respect and goodwill of all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### EDMUND J. PYSZKA

Before age conferred upon him the right of franchise Edmund J. Pyszka had become an active party worker in democratic ranks and has since been a stalwart champion of democracy. He makes his home in LaSalle, where he was born on the 13th of November, 1896, a son of John F. and Josephine Pyszka, who still reside in LaSalle, where they have spent their entire lives. The father was deputy sheriff for a term of four years and in 1906 was democratic candidate for sheriff, losing by only three hundred and five votes. He also filled the position of superintendent of the city waterworks and was game warden under Governor Dunne. The Pyszka family has been well known as supporters of democracy in LaSalle county for sixty-five years and John F. Pyszka was precinct committeeman many years ago. The paternal grandfather, Joseph Pyszka, was the founder of the family in LaSalle county and he became an earnest advocate of democratic principles here.

Edmund J. Pyszka attended a parochial school and the Township high school of LaSalle. He followed clerical work for six years and later engaged in the insurance business for an equal period. Like the others of the family, he became prominent in political work and was made a candidate for the school board and was elected. He also ran for township assessor and was elected. He was the minority member of the LaSalle county board of review and was in charge of the sanitary district. From August 1933, to December, 1934 he was investigator for LaSalle county in connection with the two per cent retail tax. In 1928 he was a candidate for state representative and lost by two hundred and two votes in the thirty-ninth district, which usually polls a much greater republican vote. He was chairman of the Young Peoples Democratic Club of LaSalle. His work for the party began when he was very young and in fact he was dismissed from a job because of his outspoken democracy. On December 3, 1934, he assumed the position of chief deputy sheriff of LaSalle county under sheriff Ralph H. Desper, resigning his position with the state finance department.

On the 26th of June, 1923, Mr. Pyszka was united in marriage to Miss Beatrice Neville, a native of Canada, and they are the parents of a son, Gerard. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and Mr. Pyszka is identified with the Knights of Columbus.

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#### FRANK HALFORD

Frank Halford, known in his community as "Chappy," is a justice of the peace of Auburn, Sangamon county. He was born in the Forest of Dean, in Gloucestershire, England, on the 11th of March, 1868, a son of Nehemiah and Annis Halford, who always remained residents of England.

After acquiring a public school education in his home locality, Frank Halford became a worker in the coal mines of that district, but the opportunities and advantages of the new world attracted him and in 1902 he came to America, leaving his wife and three children in England until the following year, when they joined him in his new home in Auburn, Illinois. Upon reaching the shores of the new world he had proceeded westward to Oklahoma, where he spent





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nine months in mining. On the 17th of March, 1903, he took up his abode in Auburn, where he has since continued, and here he has followed mining, remaining active in this field of labor for fifty years.

Mr. Halford has always been a believer in democracy and when in England was a Gladstone democrat. When he became an American citizen he voted with the democratic party and has never wavered in his allegiance thereto. For sixteen years he has served as a justice of the peace and has made a creditable record in presiding over that court. He has also been a member of the election board and in community affairs he has taken a deep and helpful interest, giving his aid at all times on the side of progress and improvement. He has also owned and conducted the Halford Hotel in Auburn for a period of fourteen years.

Before leaving England, Mr. Halford was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Edwards and they have become parents of four children: Jane, the wife of Louis Florey, living in Springfield; George H., who for twelve years served in the United States Army in the Philippines and is now a miner living in Springfield; Frank J., who married Marguerite Snodgrass and is working on a farm; and Mary, who was born in Auburn, Illinois, and is now the wife of Robert Hines, owner of a large restaurant in San Francisco, California. Mr. Halford and his family have made three trips back to England to visit their people there and to renew the acquaintances of early life. It has been a source of great satisfaction to him that he could return to see his parents, for his father died there in 1911 and his mother in 1927.

Mr. Halford is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and has been a member of the Foresters for twenty years. He became a charter member of the United Mine Workers, with which he has been identified for thirty-two years, and for twelve years he has served as its local president. The family attend the Episcopal Church.

## H. U. HARTZELL

Among the well known and highly respected citizens of Orangeville, Stephenson county, is numbered H. U. Hartzell, who is now filling the office of postmaster and who has long been an influential factor in democratic circles in his community. He was born in York county, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1870, and is a son of George P. and Elizabeth (Eppelman) Hartzell, both of whom were natives of Adams county, Pennsylvania. The father was a minister of the Reformed Church in the United States and in 1888 he removed westward to Illinois, settling in Orangeville, where he preached for three years. Later he continued his ministerial work in Ohio and subsequently again came to Illinois, while afterward he was pastor of churches in Iowa, being a resident of Liscomb, Iowa, at the time of his death. In politics he was always an ardent democrat.

H. U. Hartzell completed his education as a high school pupil in Orangeville and in 1891 purchased the Orangeville Courier, and was identified with this newspaper publication until appointed acting postmaster January 19, 1934. He took the office on the 1st of February and received his commission on the 9th of July.

In 1901 Mr. Hartzell was united in marriage to Katie Belle Winter and they are the parents of a son and a daughter, namely: C. W., a resident of Freeport, Illinois; and Dorothy, who is the wife of C. W. Wick, of Freeport, this state.

Like his father before him, Mr. Hartzell has always been a democrat and since old enough to become a party worker has done efficient service in the political field, working untiringly to promote the party victories. For the last three terms he has served as a precinct committeeman and he has also rendered aid to his community as a member of the village board and of the school board. He belongs to the Reformed Church and is a member of the church board. He is interested in everything that pertains to the intellectual and moral progress of his community and his aid and influence have been effective forces for the general good.

## WILLIAM F. SEGELHORST

One of the well known business men of Venedy is William F. Segelhorst, who is now filling the position of postmaster. A native of this state, he was born in Okawville, Washington county, December 11, 1867, his parents being Conrad and Louisa (Huelskoetter) Segelhorst. The mother was a representative of one of the pioneer families of Washington county and was the first German girl born in Venedy township. The father gave his political support to the democratic party and in 1876 was made township supervisor.

William F. Segelhorst acquired his education in the public schools and after he had completed his course he began working on a farm, devoting seven years, from 1881 to 1888, to agricultural pursuits. He then turned his attention to wagon making and blacksmithing, serving an apprenticeship and working at the trade in the employ of others for ten years. On the expiration of that period he established a blacksmithing business on his own account and is still conducting it, being one of the well known representatives of industrial activity in Venedy.

On the 23rd of June, 1888, in Beaufort, Franklin county, Missouri, Mr. Segelhorst was united in marriage to Miss Anna Temme and they have three children: Gustave W., Otto G., and Elmer F. The parents hold membership in the Lutheran Church and Mr. Segelhorst is organist and president of the congregation. He takes a most active and helpful interest in the church work and does all in his power to advance the moral progress of the community. In politics he has always been a democrat and is now clerk of the town board. He also served for one term as justice of the peace and on the 9th of June, 1934, he was appointed postmaster at Venedy, which office he is now filling. He is regarded as a substantial citizen of his community and has ever been loyal to any cause with which he becomes affiliated.

## PATRICIA HUNT

Few women in the state of Illinois have received more honors, been more active, in democratic political affairs and public activities than Patricia Hunt of Decatur, Illinois. Sterling democratic women such as she have been material and important factors in the success of the democratic party and its high status at this time. They have lent a prestige which has been invaluable, and have increased the spirit to win which has been so important.

Patricia Hunt was born in Macon county, Illinois, and is a daughter of Patrick Henry and Maria (Tierney) Hunt. Her paternal grandfather, Edward Hunt, came to Niantic, Macon county, from Louisville, Kentucky, and built the first house there. Early in life he followed the railroad business, but later went into real estate activities. Patrick Henry Hunt was born in Niantic and became a municipal contractor of wide reputation. He built the first wagon bridge across the Sangamon river, laid the main sewer system in Decatur, and was known as the father of brick pavement in Illinois. He was a democrat of the first rank and was a liberal contributor to the party. He attended many state and national conventions, and was a fine friend of William Jennings Bryan, who was often a visitor in his home. He served for many years on the library board, and was most favorably known over a wide territory.

To Patrick Henry and Maria (Tierney) Hunt there were born five children. Tierney, the oldest, is deceased. Winfield J., second in order of birth, is a contractor of Decatur, Illinois, and has been prominent in democratic circles. He has attended many state, congressional and judicial conventions, also the national conventions in St. Louis in 1916 and Chicago in 1932. Kathryn, third of the children, is the wife of George D. Kennedy of Buffalo, New York. Patricia, immediate subject of this sketch is fourth in the family, and the youngest is Lisle Francis, of Decatur, who is a democrat of the first rank.

Miss Hunt first attended the public schools of Decatur where she graduated





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and attended Milliken University, University of Illinois, School of Social Service, Washington, D. C., and Columbia University of New York City, specialized in social and political science and on her return to Decatur became vitally interested in every democratic cause. In the period of 1918-1934, she was vice president of the Macon County Democratic Women's Club and since 1926 she has been a member of the Macon County Democratic Central Committee. Since 1928, she has been senatorial committeeman of the twenty-eighth senatorial district, and is now chairman of that district. She has attended all state, congressional, and judicial conventions, also the democratic national convention in Chicago in 1932. She was also a delegate to the national convention in Chicago for the independence of Ireland.

Miss Hunt was in charge of the registration of all the unemployed people in Macon county and was a member of the Civil Works Administration health survey of Macon county. She was in charge also of the first aid school for all men employed by the Civil Works Administration and Public Works Administration projects of Macon county. In 1933, she acted as a hostess in the Illinois State Building in the Department of Public Welfare at the World's Fair in Chicago. She is legislative chairman of the Women's Federated Clubs, and in 1931 she was elected president of the Illinois, Indiana and Iowa Club on the campus of Columbia University in New York City. She is community service chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary; lecturer on the Illinois Farmers Institute Board; member of the faculty of the State Fair School for Girls; member and organizer of the Women's Council of Decatur.

During the World war period, Miss Hunt was conspicuous in war work. She was confidential investigator for the exemption board during the draft era. She was a member of the local Red Cross sent to Washington, D. C., and was in the editorial department of Surgeon-General's office during the war period. After the close of hostilities, she was made head of the Settlement House in New York City, where she was in direct association with Elizabeth Marbury, and had charge of the employment office for the replacement of soldiers and sailors of the Department of Labor of the United States. Miss Hunt is now a member of the Red Cross Emergency Service, secretary of the home service of the Red Cross, member of the Women's Relief Corps.

Miss Hunt's religious affiliation is with the St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church and she has been for a long time prominently identified with this congregation. She belongs to the Catholic Daughters of America; the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary of St. Patrick's Church; is chairman of the legislative committee of the Springfield Diocese of National Catholic Welfare Conventions, and is otherwise associated with many charitable and civic organizations of the city and county.

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#### OLOF BURKE JENNINGS

Reared in the tenets of the democratic party, Olof Burke Jennings, of Decatur, has been a faithful servant of the cause for a long period, has held a number of positions of public nature, and is now superintendent of maintenance of District No. 5.

Mr. Jennings was born in Blue Mound township, Macon county, Illinois, March 30, 1886, and is a son of Charles Hatzel and Margaret Ann (Burke) Jennings, the former having been born in Marion county, Illinois, and the latter in Kentucky. All of the Jennings were pioneers of Marion county and the father was a first cousin of William Jennings Bryan. He was a farmer by occupation and in the late '70s left Marion county and came to Macon county, where he settled on a farm in Blue Mound township. He was one of the strongest democrats in the county and for several years served as commissioner of highways in his township. His death occurred in 1907 and his wife died in 1924.

Olof B. Jennings attended the public schools of his county, and worked on the farm with his father until the latter passed away in 1907. He then came to

Decatur, Illinois, and was employed for a short time by the street car company. From 1908 until 1911 he was a member of the Decatur fire department, and in the latter year returned to the farm to remain until 1924. In 1920 he established a contracting business, and combined this with his farming activities. In 1924 he became associated with the Macon county highways department and stayed until 1931. He was always active in democratic politics, and was tax collector in 1914-16 in Blue Mound township, also highway commissioner for five years. After he came to Decatur, he was twice a candidate for commissioner, but was defeated. On January 18, 1933, Governor Horner appointed him superintendent of maintenance of district No. 5. On April 10, 1933, he was made the democratic candidate for sheriff of Macon county.

Mr. Jennings was married in 1916 to Miss Ida May Chapman, a daughter of D. D. and Ruth (Evans) Chapman. The Evans family also was identified with the democratic party. To Mr. and Mrs. Jennings two children have been born, Myreta May and Ruth Margaret. Mr. Jennings is a member of the Masonic Order and the Old Jefferson Club.

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### JOHN S. BROWNING

John S. Browning, the well known postmaster of Royalton, was born on a farm near that town, June 8, 1892, a son of William and Sarah E. (Snider) Browning. His grandfather was a democrat of the old school and served as a private in the Confederate Army during the Civil war. William Browning has also voted the democratic ticket throughout his entire life, has served as a county committeeman from his precinct and at one time was chairman of the county committee.

John S. Browning pursued a public school education and afterward engaged in clerical work for several years. He then obtained a position as weigher at the mines in Royalton and some years later turned his attention to farming, which occupation he followed until a recent date.

There is an interesting military chapter in the life record of Mr. Browning, who enlisted on the 22d of February, 1918, for service in the World war and was sent overseas, where he remained until August 19, 1919. He was a first-class private in Company M, Eighty-fourth Division, and was transferred September 20, 1918, to the First Division, Twenty-eighth Infantry. Following the close of active hostilities he was with the army of occupation at Coblenz, Germany, for eight months.

On the 8th of May, 1926, in Jonesboro, Illinois, Mr. Browning was united in marriage to Miss Susie Lee Wright. Mr. Browning has always voted the democratic ticket and has attended several conventions of the party. He does not hesitate to express his honest convictions concerning political problems and his loyalty to the party gained for him the appointment of postmaster at Royalton on the 16th of October, 1933. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and his family has membership in the Christian Church—associations that indicate much concerning the nature of his interests and the rules that govern his life, making him a man whom to know is to respect and honor.

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### CHARLES W. SHADE

Charles W. Shade, deceased, figured prominently in political affairs of Lexington and McLean county for many years. He was born near St. Thomas, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1854, and came to Lexington, Illinois, at the age of nine years. His education was acquired as a public school pupil of this city and after putting aside his textbooks he learned the blacksmith's trade. Subsequently he entered railroad service as a baggageman and expressman. He installed the first motion-picture show in Lexington, and he was also successfully engaged in the jewelry trade in this city for many years. He was not





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only a business man of marked executive ability and sound judgment but also a talented musician, particularly skilled as a cornetist.

The democratic party found in Mr. Shade an earnest and enthusiastic supporter. He served as a member of the McLean county committee for many years, was also a member of the state central committee and was a delegate to numerous democratic state conventions. At one time he was the party's nominee for the office of state auditor. He served as postmaster of Lexington by appointment of President Wilson for eight years, and during two terms' service as mayor of Lexington he gave the city an efficient, businesslike and economical administration. When the Lexington schoolhouse was destroyed by fire, he donated to the school a large fireproof safe. He passed away in the faith of the Methodist Church, and in his death the community sustained the loss of one of its leading, influential and highly esteemed citizens.

On the 28th of January, 1896, Mr. Shade was united in marriage to Miss Mary Callahan, of Lexington, Illinois, and to them was born a daughter, Frances, who is the wife of Edgar W. Moon of this city. Mrs. Shade has carried on the political activities of her husband and in 1932 was elected a member of the democratic county committee of McLean county, being the only representative of her sex on the committee, which has accorded her many honors. She formerly served as chairman of the Women's Democratic Club of McLean county and has won many warm friends in both political and social circles of her home community.

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#### HENRY ABSALOM CRESS, JR.

Henry Absalom Cress, Jr., of Hillsboro, is now county surveyor of Montgomery county, and has devoted his life largely to engineering, in which field he has developed his powers to a high point of efficiency. He was born on what is known as the Cress Hill farm, west of Hillsboro, December 29, 1882, and is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Montgomery county, his great-grandfather having arrived here about 1818. His grandfather, George Henry Cress, and his father, Henry Absalom Cress, were both born in Montgomery county, and the latter married Hannah Clotfelter, who was likewise born in Montgomery county. Her father, J. W. Clotfelter, was a native of North Carolina and in early life started with the family to Illinois. While en route his father died and was buried by the road side. J. W. Clotfelter cast in his lot with the early settlers of this section of the state and in 1849, attracted by the discovery of gold in California, he walked across the plains to the Pacific coast, returning, however, to Montgomery county, Illinois, after about two years. Here he became a large landowner, and he passed away at his home that stood on the ground that is now the site of the new Federal building of Hillsboro. For many years Henry A. Cress followed the occupation of farming but retired therefrom about eighteen years ago. He is now vice president of the Hillsboro National Bank and is president of the Farm Bureau. He has served as school trustee, highway commissioner and school director but has never been ambitious to hold public office, preferring to render aid to civic interests as a private citizen.

Henry A. Cress, Jr., obtained his early education in the schools of Hillsboro and for four years was a student in the Hillsboro high school, specializing in mathematics. He then took a course in electrical engineering in the International Correspondence Schools and for four years was employed as an electrician in the power house at Hillsboro, pursuing his studies during that period. Having completed his course, he went to St. Louis in 1905, seeking a larger electrical field for his services. There he became connected with the Union Electric Light & Power Company as city electrical motor inspector and so continued until 1909, when he was appointed superintendent of the United

Gas & Electric Company of Litchfield. In 1913 he accepted a position as maintenance and construction superintendent with the Illinois Light & Power Company at Hillsboro and so served until 1917, when he entered the employ of the American Zinc Company at its plant three miles south of Hillsboro, continuing as the local maintenance and construction engineer until the plant was closed down in 1930. Since then he has devoted some time to his farm properties and he was with the county Chief Project Engineer for the CWA at Hillsboro from December 14, 1933, to May 3, 1934. He now devotes much of his attention to his duties as county surveyor, to which position he was elected without opposition. While he has been a lifelong democrat, he has never sought political office and it was his efficiency in the field of engineering that led to his selection for the position which he now occupies.

On the 25th of December, 1909, Mr. Cress was married to Miss Irene A. Barry, a daughter of Amos and Alice (Richards) Barry and a direct descendant of Governor Bradford of Massachusetts, who came to the new world on the Mayflower. Mrs. Barry held membership in the Mayflower Association and passed away in February, 1934, at Hillsboro. Mr. and Mrs. Cress have one son, Edward B., a high school pupil, now fifteen years of age. Mr. Cress belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and attends St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He has spent practically his entire life in Montgomery county, where he has an extremely wide acquaintance and where he enjoys the respect of all who know him.

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#### MRS. FLORENCE M. RAINES

Mrs. Florence M. Raines is acceptably filling the office of postmaster in Irvington, which is her native town, her birth having here occurred on the 24th of December, 1903. She is a daughter of William and Sophia (Holman) Pleitner and while spending her girlhood days under the parental roof she attended the grade schools of Irvington. When she had completed her course here she entered Brown's Business College at Centralia, Illinois, and was graduated therefrom on the 6th of April, 1921. Following her school days she became a clerk in a local store and has since been employed in that manner, so that she is well known in business circles of the community.

On the 5th of February, 1925, in Vandalia, Illinois, Florence M. Pleitner became the wife of Clyde Raines. Her religious faith is that of the Evangelical Church and her political belief that of the democratic party. She has attended some of the county and state conventions, has always been interested in the success of the party organization and on the 7th of September, 1934, she was appointed postmaster of Irvington, adding this work to her duties as a saleswoman. She is well known in the town where she has spent her entire life and where her circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of her acquaintance.

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#### RICHARD L. LAUWERENS

Among those actively connected with the postal service of Illinois is Richard L. Lauwerens, postmaster at Kineaid. Born in Pana on the 27th of September, 1909, he is a son of Desire and Marie (Gerody) Lauwerens, both of whom were natives of Belgium and came with their respective parents to the new world. The mother's people first settled in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, and the Lauwerens home was also established there, so that the young people became acquainted and were married in that county, where the father of our subject followed the occupation of mining. They came westward to Illinois, settling in Pana, where Mr. Lauwerens engaged in mining until their removal to Taylorville, where they lived for about three years. On the expiration of that period they established their home in Kineaid, where Mr.





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Lauwerens is now engaged in merchandising. In their family were two children, Richard L. and Edith, the latter at home.

Richard L. Lauwerens acquired his early education in the schools of Kincaid, where he attended high school for two years, while later he was a student in the high school at Pana for a year. He was subsequently graduated from the high school at Pawnee, Sangamon county, in 1929, having taken his high school work in three places. Following his graduation he was appointed to a position with the Central Illinois Public Service Company, with which he remained until October, 1931. He then returned home and worked with his father until appointed to his present position as postmaster of Kincaid on the 27th of May, 1934, taking the office on the 22d of June following. He cast his first presidential vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt and he is a member of the Young Jeffersonian Club of Edinburg, Illinois. His favorite sport is baseball. He belongs to St. Rita's Roman Catholic Church at Kincaid and he is interested in all that pertains to the intellectual, moral, material and political development of his community.

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#### ANDREW B. CAMPBELL

Andrew B. Campbell, assessor and treasurer of Calhoun county, makes his home in Hardin, where he was born December 28, 1879. His father, Charles A. Campbell, a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, was born September 10, 1857, and died March 10, 1898. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Helen Uhrig Perry, whom he married December 5, 1878, was born in Hardin, Illinois, September 24, 1861. In early life the father followed farming and shortly after his marriage removed to Hardin, this state, where he engaged in the painting and paper hanging business. Later he established a barber shop, which he conducted until his death. During the Cleveland administration he served as postmaster of Daum, six miles east of Carrollton, Greene county.

After acquiring a public school education in Hardin, Andrew B. Campbell turned to the serious duty of providing for his own support and for about twenty-six years of an active and useful life was associated with Charles H. Lamar in the publication of the Calhoun Herald, a paper which became a strong democratic organ, wielding a wide influence over public thought and action in this section of the state.

Mr. Campbell early became quite active in democratic affairs and was first called to serve in public office when in 1900, at the age of twenty-one years, he was elected as school trustee of Hardin, in which capacity he continued to serve until 1917, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. His labors in behalf of the schools were far-reaching and beneficial and in other offices he has also rendered valuable aid to his community and county. From 1900 until 1912 he served as village clerk of Hardin and in 1917 he was appointed postmaster, which office he continued to fill until April, 1922. In 1930 he was elected assessor and treasurer of Calhoun county and is the present incumbent in the position, the duties of which he does not allow to rest lightly upon him. In a word, he assumes his obligations in a conscientious manner and is prompt and faithful in performing the work of the office. For three terms he has served as chairman of the democratic central committee of Calhoun county and has been a delegate to a number of the state conventions.

On the 26th of May, 1903, Mr. Campbell was married to Miss Sadie V. Lamar, a daughter of Charles H. Lamar, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work. Their children were three in number, but the eldest, Charles A., died January 3, 1930. The daughter, Lillian E., is the wife of D. E. Slack, a civil engineer of Chicago. Porter J., the youngest, was appointed postmaster of Hardin and thus carries out the family tradition, for there have been three generations of postmasters in the Campbell family. He is also chairman of the

Young People's Democratic League of Calhoun county and thus father and son are in thorough harmony in their efforts to promote the growth and success of the party, each being faithful in the specific duties which devolve upon him and at all times loyal to the best interests of the community at large.

### HARRY GLENN COULTAS

Harry Glenn Coultas, who makes his home in Barry, Pike county, is serving as highway maintenance patrolman, having been appointed to the position on the 18th of July, 1933. He is a World war veteran and one of the public-spirited citizens of his section of the state. Pike county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Rockport, July 29, 1897. His father, Jacob Coultas, has followed farming practically throughout his entire life and for the past quarter of a century has lived in Hadley township. In politics he has always been a supporter of democratic principles. He was born in Pike county in 1872 and he married Lillie Brawley, also a native of Pike county.

Harry G. Coultas acquired his education in the rural schools of Hadley township and, starting out in life on his own account, he gave his attention to farming for two years. In 1922 he was appointed road commissioner of Hadley township and after serving by appointment for about a year he was elected to the position, serving continuously until 1928. On the 18th of July, 1933, he was appointed highway maintenance patrolman of Section 629 and is making a creditable record in that position. He has always been a zealous worker on behalf of democracy since old enough to vote and his labors have been an effective force in winning democratic successes in Pike county.

Mr. Coultas also manifested his loyalty in citizenship when in 1918 he entered the United States Navy, the country being at that time at war with Germany. He served for nine months, and going to France, was stationed at Brest for about seven months. He now holds membership with the American Legion, thus maintaining pleasant relations with his old army comrades.

In 1922 Mr. Coultas was united in marriage to Georgia Smith and they have two children, Glenn Gail and Windell Dean. They are well known in Pike county, where the Coultas family has so long been represented and where Harry G. Coultas has spent his entire life. The circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance and all who know him speak of him in terms of high regard.

### HERMAN M. BOPP

Through the past decade Herman M. Bopp has taken an active part in democratic affairs in Calhoun county, where he is well known as an enterprising business man as well as a political leader. He makes his home in Brussels and is now filling the office of investigator for the department of conservation of the state. His birth occurred in Grafton, Jersey county, Illinois, July 17, 1891, his parents being Jacob and Cedelia (Freeman) Bopp. The father was born in Muscatine, Iowa, August 31, 1860, and the mother's birth occurred in Jersey county, Illinois, March 22, 1862. He has been a lifelong farmer and has lived on the same farm in Point precinct, Calhoun county, for sixty-three years. His political endorsement has always been given to the democratic party and he is a firm believer in its principles. For eighteen years he served as road clerk and for fifteen years has been a school director.

Herman M. Bopp, after attending the public schools of Point precinct and of Brussels, became identified with the Mississippi River Commission Survey and was on duty in Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas in 1909 and 1910. He afterward spent three years in garage work in St. Louis and in November, 1914, established a garage two miles southeast of Brussels, which he conducted continuously until March, 1933, winning a substantial patronage.





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On the 14th of April, 1914, Mr. Bopp was married to Miss Mary Pohlman and they are well known in Brussels and in fact throughout the county, where they have many warm friends. Mr. Bopp has been a member of the Modern Woodmen of America since 1910 and he also belongs to the Catholic Church. In politics he has ever been a consistent democrat and since 1924 has taken a very active interest in party work in Calhoun county. In 1932 he was elected precinct committeeman and was chosen chairman of the democratic central committee of this county, while in 1934 he was made secretary. He attended the state convention of 1932 and on the 1st of March, 1933, was appointed an investigator of the department of conservation, in which capacity he has since served in a most acceptable manner.

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### HARRY L. POTTS

Harry L. Potts represents the third generation of a family to own and publish the Independent at Raymond, Montgomery county. This is a democratic organ and its influence has been widely felt in shaping the political history of this section of the state. The paper was established by J. W. Potts, grandfather of our subject, in June, 1881. The family dates its identification with Montgomery county from early pioneer times, having been here founded by William Beatty and Rhoda Ann (Richards) Potts, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Tennessee. J. W. Potts, who was born in Montgomery county, spent his youth largely in Zanesville township, where he continued to live for a few years after attaining his majority and then removed to Raymond, where he established and conducted a grocery store. Later he founded the Independent, which he owned and published until his death in 1912. It was then taken over by his son, L. L. Potts, who continued to publish the paper until his demise on November 12, 1933, when he was succeeded by his son, Harry L. Potts, whose name introduces this record. Not only with farming and newspaper publication has the family been closely identified. The grandfather was also a lawyer and notary public and a justice of the peace, and he had the agency for about fifteen insurance companies. His son, L. L. Potts, was likewise a notary public and an insurance agent, and for twenty-five consecutive years he filled the office of city clerk. He was likewise township clerk for fifteen years and his official record is one over which there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. He was always loyal to the best interests entrusted to his care and he did everything in his power to further public welfare. Possessing a natural love of music, which he developed, he became bandmaster at Raymond and in this connection contributed much to pleasure and happiness in his community. He played several different instruments, including cornet, clarinet, harp, guitar and melophone.

L. L. Potts survived his first wife for several years, her death occurring in 1895. They were the parents of four sons: Harry L., of Raymond; Joseph, of Mattoon, Illinois; Burrell, of Flushing, Michigan; Don, of Mattoon, Illinois, who contracted tuberculosis while in the army and is now deceased. After the death of his first wife, L. L. Potts was married in 1898 to Emma Shaffer, of Raymond, and they had one son, Richard L., now of St. Louis, Missouri.

Harry L. Potts was born in Raymond, Illinois, February 13, 1891. He pursued his education through the various grades and for three years and six months was a high school pupil, during which time he took an active part in school athletics. He then entered the Independent office. He had begun to learn the printer's trade when but eight years of age and has followed it continuously since, having for twenty years been connected with the paper before he took over its ownership and management. The Independent is one of the oldest papers in Montgomery county, being now in its fifty-fourth year, and has a circulation of about eight hundred. On the 25th of August, 1881, only three

months after the publication was started, the plant was destroyed by fire, but it was immediately rebuilt. It has long been a most effective element in democratic politics, presenting clearly and forcefully the issues of the day.

There is also a military chapter in the life record of Harry L. Potts, who in September, 1917, enlisted at Hillsboro and was sent to Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky. After six months he was transferred to West Point, Kentucky, where he was on duty at the artillery range for six months. He left for overseas September 17, 1918, landed at Liverpool, England, and remained at Camp Winehester for about a week. He then crossed the channel from Southampton and went to the camp near Bordeaux, France. This was just before the armistice was signed. He became ill with influenza and spent about two weeks in the hospital. After the armistice he volunteered for military police service at Limoges, France, where he remained for seven months, but during nine weeks of that time he was confined in the hospital with diphtheria. On the 5th of July, 1919, he arrived in New York City and was transferred to Camp Grant, where he remained for a short time and then received his discharge. He was in the Lincoln or Eighty-fourth Division and was connected with the 240th Military Police Corps.

In October, 1921, Mr. Potts was married to Miss Tesse Moore, a daughter of Israel and Martha Moore. Her father was a farmer of Zanesville township, Montgomery county, but retired a few years prior to his death which occurred December 13, 1916. Mrs. Moore passed away December 25, 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. Potts belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the former also has membership in Triple Star Post No. 299 of the American Legion at Raymond. His wife is now serving her second year as president of the ladies' auxiliary of the post and had previously been vice president. She has attended both the state and national conventions of the American Legion. The influence of both Mr. and Mrs. Potts is always cast on the side of progress and improvement, and the family has contributed in large measure to the substantial development of Montgomery county.

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### JOHN H. MAUZEY

With the fraternal, moral and political interests of Findlay, John H. Mauzey has been actively and helpfully associated and is classed with the most public-spirited citizens of the town, in which he is now filling the position of postmaster. He was born in Findlay, October 22, 1894, a son of Dr. Warner H. and Cora (May) Mauzey. His uncle, George Mauzey, now seventy-two years of age, was the first democratic postmaster ever to be appointed in Findlay, serving in that capacity under President Cleveland.

After completing the work of the grade school of Findlay, John H. Mauzey was for three years a high school pupil, graduating in the year 1912, and in 1922 he became a rural mail carrier in connection with the Findlay postoffice, serving in that position for a year. In 1916 he entered the employ of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway Company as a yard clerk in Villa Grove, where he remained until 1922. The following year he returned to Villa Grove, where he continued until 1932, since which time he has been in Findlay.

On the 18th of September, 1919, in Deatur, Mr. Mauzey was married and he had one son, John Marvin.

Fraternally Mr. Mauzey is a Mason, taking active interest in the work of the order and serving as secretary of his lodge. He also belongs to the Methodist Church, to which he is equally loyal. He is a World war veteran, having enlisted in 1918. He served for seven months in a training camp and was honorably discharged December 31, 1918, so that his membership in the American Legion naturally followed. His enrollment with the Jeffersonian Club is proof of his connection with the democratic forces of Illinois. He has always voted with the





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party, has attended several of the state conventions in Springfield and has never ceased to feel the keenest interest in the political questions and problems of the day. He is committeeman in his precinct having been elected in April, 1934, and on the 18th of July, 1934, he was appointed postmaster of his native town, so that he is today one of the federal officials of Illinois. He is true to any trust reposed in him and already has proven his fitness for the office.

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#### AUSTIN C. KINGSLEY, D. D. S.

Faithful in his adherence to the democratic principles, and a consistent visitor at national and state conventions, Dr. Kingsley, widely known dentist of Jacksonville, is one of the mainstays of his party in Morgan county, Illinois. He was reared to believe in the strength of Jeffersonian theories, and has been loyal to the political education which he received in his youth.

Doctor Kingsley was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, on the 19th of April, 1884, and is a son of John E. and Rosa E. (Cain) Kingsley. The father was likewise born in Jacksonville, in the year 1858, and died in 1912. By occupation he was a farmer and real estate dealer, and for many years was quite active in the ranks of the democratic party. He served as chairman of the Morgan county democratic central committee, and attended three national conventions, and practically all of the state conventions, during his time. One of the national meetings he visited was that held in Chicago in 1896. The mother of Doctor Kingsley was born in Jacksonville in 1860 and is still a resident of this community.

In the public schools of Jacksonville, Doctor Kingsley first studied and afterward attended Whipple Academy in this city. He was a student at Illinois College in Jacksonville for two years, and followed this with two years at the University of Illinois, from which institution he graduated in dentistry in 1909. He first practiced for one year in the city of Chicago, then came to Jacksonville and here has continued since. The doctor has prospered in the dental profession, for he has kept abreast of the times, both in his work and in his equipment, and his patronage has been increasingly large as a result.

The year 1912 marks the beginning of Doctor Kingsley's active participation in democratic politics, and every year since, he has embraced every opportunity to be of service to his party. He has attended three national conventions, in St. Louis in 1916, in New York in 1924, and in Chicago in 1932, and he has been present at all state conventions since 1912. The devotion of men such as he to democracy has been the big factor in its rapid rise to ascendency in the last few years, and the future greatness of the party is in the hands of democrats of his rating and loyalty.

Doctor Kingsley was married on August 30, 1915, to Miss Stella M. Berryman of Jacksonville, a daughter of Mrs. Carlin C. Berryman.

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#### JOHN J. KEELEY, JR.

Among the representative business men and public-spirited citizens of East St. Louis is numbered John J. Keeley, Jr., who in 1917 entered the building contracting business. He is also well known in democratic circles and is now a member of the county board of supervisors. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, May 2, 1895, he is the son of John J. and Delia (Clarke) Keeley, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The parents established their home in East St. Louis when their son John J. was only a year old and here the father conducted a successful business as a contractor. He, too, was a staunch democrat in his political faith.

John J. Keeley, Jr., attended the parochial schools of East St. Louis and afterward was a student in a business college here. He then entered the employ

of the Keeley Brothers Construction Company, worked his way steadily upward and became superintendent. In 1917 he entered the building contracting business on his own account and has since given his attention to the erection of residences and office and other public buildings. He has been accorded a liberal patronage, doing a considerable share of the building business of East St. Louis, and his enterprise, perseverance and intelligently directed activity have constituted the foundation of his success.

In 1923 Mr. Keeley was married to Miss Cecelia Friesz, of East St. Louis, and they are the parents of a son, John (III). Mr. Keeley served in the American Army during the World war, being a private at Camp Taylor, and he now belongs to the American Legion. He is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He was reared a democrat and has been very active in party work. In 1931, however, he was a nonpartisan candidate for city commissioner. In that year he was elected a member of the county board of supervisors from the fifty-ninth precinct and is serving on the finance committee and the building committee. In 1934 he was one of two democratic candidates nominated for the board of assessors of St. Clair county. He works untiringly to promote democratic successes and his business experience has been of a character to fit him well for the duties which devolve upon him as a public official.

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### HENRY JULIUS SCHNEIDER

Henry Julius Schneider, of Joliet, who is serving as road supervisor for the state, having charge of Will County, was born in Ripon, Wisconsin, July 20, 1877. His parents, Hugo and Emilia Schneider, have passed away. The father was a stalwart supporter of the democratic party, as were most of the members of the family.

Henry J. Schneider was educated in the schools of Milwaukee and after his textbooks were put aside entered upon construction work. He came to Joliet twenty-two years ago and continued in the same line of business, handling both road building and other lines of construction. For many years he was associated with John C. McCarthy in this field of labor, and about two years ago he became highway supervisor for the state, having jurisdiction over the public highways of Will county. Like his ancestors, he has always voted the democratic ticket and by reason of his party allegiance he was named for his present position, although he has never been an aspirant for public office.

On July 20, 1914, Mr. Schneider was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Meszker. They have no children of their own but have reared six children, whom they have provided with educational privileges and a happy home life. Mr. and Mrs. Schneider hold membership in the Lutheran Church and he is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. His business activity has made him well known in his section of the state and he is accounted one of the foremost representatives of industrial interests in Joliet.

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### FRANK HOLTEN, JR.

Frank Holten, Jr., state oil inspector, residing in East St. Louis, was here born April 13, 1896, a son of Frank and Louisa (Reeb) Holten. The father is an active democratic leader and is now serving his eighteenth year in the Illinois legislature, where he has done effective work to further the welfare of the state, aiding in the promotion of many measures of great benefit to the commonwealth.

Frank Holten, Jr., attended St. Henry's school of East St. Louis and later was graduated from the Webster public school of this city and from Summer's College of Commerce. He then became associated with his father in business under the name of the Home Tea & Coffee Company and thus continued for





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eighteen years. At the time he attained his majority he was appointed a committeeman of the thirtieth precinct of East St. Louis and has served continuously in that capacity to the present time, having been re-elected at each biennial period. He is now serving his third year as a member of the county board of supervisors and he has served on the pauper committee and for two years on the mining committee, while at the present writing he is a member of the bond committee. On the 10th of August, 1933, he was appointed field agent in the state oil division by Governor Horner and is now serving in that capacity. He attended the judicial convention at Mount Vernon as a delegate when Judge Paul Farthing was nominated for the supreme bench and he has been elected a delegate to the state conventions, although he did not attend.

On the 23rd of May, 1919, Mr. Holten was united in marriage to Miss Rose Jarvis, a daughter of Jule Jarvis, an old-time democrat who served in the state legislature in 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Holten are the parents of four children, namely: Rose Helen, Dorothy Louise, Frank Holten (III) and Betty June. Mr. Holten is well known as a business man and citizen of East St. Louis and has always been actuated by a spirit of enterprise that made him a successful merchant. His record as a public official is a commendable one and he is well known here as a leader in democratic circles.

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#### EDWIN JOHN HEILIGENSTEIN

Among the officials of St. Clair county to whom has been entrusted federal service is numbered Edwin John Heiligenstein, who is now postmaster of Freeburg. Here he was born November 4, 1894. His father, Francis Xavier Heiligenstein, was also a native of Freeburg and at one time owned the flour mill here. He took a very keen and active interest in democratic politics and served for many years as supervisor of Freeburg township and for an extended period was mayor of the town of Freeburg. He headed the fire department for many years and he long enjoyed the well merited reputation of being Freeburg's first citizen. His death occurred November 30, 1927. His wife was in her maidenhood Mary Borger and she, too, was born in Freeburg. They became parents of five children, all of whom were born in the same house where their father first opened his eyes to the light of day.

Edwin John Heiligenstein attended the parochial and public schools of Freeburg and afterward entered the Christian Brothers College of St. Louis, from which he was graduated. He next attended the St. Louis University Institute of Law for one year and on the 26th of February, 1918, entered the army, going to Camp Taylor, where he remained until May 21, 1919, becoming a sergeant in the training school. When the necessity of rendering military service to the country was over, Mr. Heiligenstein returned to St. Louis University to study medicine. Some time later, however, he joined his father, whom he assisted in operating the Freeburg mill. He completed a two years' course in the School of Commerce and Finance of St. Louis University, after which he was employed in the bond department of the Fidelity Trust Company of Belleville, Illinois, for several years, maintaining his residence, however, in his native town. Formerly he was vice president of the institution and is now a member of its board of directors.

On the 26th of October, 1922, Mr. Heiligenstein was united in marriage to Miss Louella Becker, of Freeburg, Illinois, who passed away March 29, 1925.

Mr. Heiligenstein has long been well known as an active political worker and has ever supported democratic principles. In 1932 he was elected a member of the county central committee, on which he served for two years. On the 1st of January, 1934, he was appointed acting postmaster of Freeburg, which appointment was made permanent on the 6th of June of the same year. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, to the Catholic Knights of Illinois and to

the American Legion post, of which he has been adjutant. He was active in athletics while in Christian Brothers College and played on the football, baseball and basketball teams. His interest in local welfare is indicated in his connection with the Freeburg Commercial Club and he renders hearty cooperation to every plan and project which he deems of value to the community or of worth to his party.

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### MRS. ROSE ZALMAN

Mrs. Rose Zalman, who is filling the position of postmaster of Stewardson, Illinois, was born in this town, June 22, 1894, her parents being Edward and Caroline (Figge) Streng. Her father was postmaster under President Wilson for two terms, so that she is following in his footsteps in occupying this position. Her education was obtained in the grade school, supplemented by a three years' high school course in Stewardson, and she was assistant postmaster during her father's incumbency in the office, so that she received thorough training for the duties and responsibilities she was later to assume.

On the 26th of December, 1930, in Stewardson, Illinois, Rose Streng married Edward Zalman and they are the parents of a daughter, Carolyn Rose.

Mrs. Zalman is a member and active worker in the Lutheran Church, served as secretary of the Sunday school for several years and does all she can to further the moral progress of the community. She helped the Red Cross locally during the World war. In politics a democrat, she was appointed postmaster of Stewardson, May 28, 1934, and is promptly and faithfully performing the work of the position. She has never lightly regarded the duties of citizenship but has ever recognized the responsibilities of the individual in his relation to the public welfare.

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### JAMES H. DONAHUE

James H. Donahue, of East St. Louis, who is filling the office of state grain inspector for his district, was born in Selma, Alabama, December 19, 1863. His father, Patrick Henry Donahue, was a native of Ireland and came to the United States when but seven years of age. He was a brick contractor and he and his brothers, James and Peter, fought with the Confederate Army in the Civil war. Patrick H. Donahue died in the Confederate Soldiers Home in Mexico, Missouri. After the war he had removed to Chicago. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Bridget Murphy, was a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and went to Chicago by way of the Great Lakes.

The family lived in the Illinois metropolis until James H. Donahue was seventeen years of age and there he attended the public schools. In his boyhood he worked as a telegraph messenger and was also employed in drug stores and spent three years as a farm hand. He sold papers on the streets of Chicago and did everything possible to earn a living, early developing that habit of industry which has characterized him throughout life. After his removal to St. Louis he became a teamster, hauling freight to that city from 1879 until 1886, when he participated in the Knights of Labor strike, being at that time secretary of the Teamsters Union. In 1887 he was appointed city license inspector for East St. Louis, owing to the change of administration in the city in favor of the labor forces. In 1889 he entered the teaming business on his own account under the name of the Donahue Freight & Express Company, which was incorporated as a common carrier for carrying on teaming between the two cities of St. Louis and East St. Louis. The business prospered and was conducted by him until 1911. In 1902 he entered the tile and mantel business, which soon outgrew the teaming business, and in this he has continued to the present time, his practical methods and progressive spirit being manifest in the success which has attended the enterprise.





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Always a democrat, Mr. Donahue became a precinct committeeman in 1891 and served as chairman of the city committee from 1893 until 1904. In the following year he was made a member of the state central committee and so continued until 1911. He served as a member of the city council of East St. Louis from 1893 until 1899 and after 1911 he was again elected a member of the county committee, so serving until 1934. From 1903 until 1911 he was city oil inspector of East St. Louis and he was a member of the county board of supervisors from 1919 until 1927. Each official office which he has occupied has found him a worthy and loyal incumbent who has worked diligently and persistently for the success of the party and for the welfare of the community as a whole. Since 1890 he has been a delegate to all the state conventions and on the 24th of January, 1933, he was appointed chief grain inspector by Governor Horner. During the congressional campaigns his activities have extended to Bond and Monroe counties. A very thorough student of history, he owns one of the largest private libraries in southern Illinois and can speak with authority upon most facts relating to the annals of the state. He has been personally acquainted with all the leaders of his party since 1890 and his opinions always carry weight in party councils.

In 1894 Mr. Donahue was united in marriage to Miss Delia Horan, of St. Louis, Missouri. Their son, James J. Donahue, is a graduate of Washington University and a successful practicing physician of St. Louis, Missouri, where he is now health supervisor for the board of education. He married Eva Fleming, sister of Judge Joseph Fleming and a daughter of P. J. Fleming, who is president of the First National Bank of Jerseyville. Dr. and Mrs. James J. Donahue are the parents of two sons, James Joseph and Daniel.

Such, in brief, is the history of James H. Donahue, who started out in life empty handed and worked his way upward through industry and determination, guided at all times by a laudable ambition. Step by step he has advanced in the attainment of his ends and purposes in citizenship, and today he is one of the most honored residents of southwestern Illinois.

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### HERMAN F. KREIPKE

Herman F. Kreipke, a prominent accountant of East St. Louis, is one who always recognizes the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship and his belief in democratic principles brings to the party a staunch support. Born in East St. Louis, September 26, 1887, he is a son of Herman and Petrina (Engert) Kreipke, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Perry county, Missouri. At an early age the father crossed the Atlantic and in this country followed the cooper's trade, but his death occurred when his son Herman was only two years of age.

Herman F. Kreipke attended the grammar and high schools of East St. Louis and was first employed as a carpenter, learning the trade under the direction of his stepfather. He afterward mastered the tinner's trade, at which he worked for some time, and in 1913 he was appointed deputy collector of internal revenue under John M. Rapp, his territory covering St. Clair and Madison counties. After serving for four years, or until September, 1917, he was appointed a traveling auditor for the United States food administrator. While in the office of the internal revenue collector he attended night sessions at Washington University, completing a course in accounting. As traveling auditor his work was to check the profits of food merchandising and he continued to serve in that connection until January, 1920, when he opened an accounting office in East St. Louis. He has built up a lucrative and successful business, specializing in income tax and representing taxpayers before the tax commission in Washington.

Mr. Kreipke's political activity is of wide scope. In 1920 he managed the

Cox campaign in East St. Louis. He has always been an able party man and an excellent organizer, his efforts being attended with gratifying results. During Governor Dunne's administration he was a member of the commission in charge of the Illinois free employment agencies. In 1916 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the legislature. The same year he was "loaned" by the internal revenue department to the county organization as county campaign manager. He has a large acquaintance among public men and wields a wide influence, people recognizing his loyalty to his honest convictions and his intelligent understanding of party questions. He worked out the NRA code for the Lumber and Material Dealers Association and he is in hearty sympathy with the administration and its policies.

In 1910 Mr. Kreipke was united in marriage to Margaret Parks, of Effingham, Illinois. In Masonic circles he has attained high rank, belonging to the lodge, chapter, council, consistory and the Mystic Shrine. He is every faithful to the teachings and purposes of the craft and exemplifies in his life its beneficent spirit.

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#### MERVIN N. BEECHER

Mervin N. Beecher, Yorkville's postmaster and the organizer of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Kendall county, was born in Sterling, Illinois, December 8, 1900, his parents being N. S. and Dora Beecher. The father is still living, but the mother has passed away. Both parents were born and reared in Kendall county, where the father has spent most of his life. N. S. Beecher is now serving for the second term as precinct committeeman in Yorkville and has always been an active democrat, giving unfaltering allegiance to the party and its candidates.

Mervin N. Beecher came with his parents to Kendall county on their return here during his boyhood days. He pursued his education in the grade and high schools of Yorkville and studied pharmacy for one year in the Illinois School of Pharmacy. He afterward worked in drug stores in Yorkville until he became postmaster. It was on the 21st of November, 1933, that he was made acting postmaster and he has since received his commission, so that he is the incumbent of the office for four years. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has voted the democratic ticket and has done everything in his power to further the interests of the party. He became the organizer of the Young Men's Democratic Club and has been a recognized leader among the younger followers of democracy in northeastern Illinois.

On the 28th of May, 1934, Mr. Beecher was united in marriage to Miss Marguerite Van Tasell. He belongs to the Federated Church of Yorkville, which is a combination of the Congregational and Baptist churches. He is interested in all that pertains to the moral and civic progress of the community and his aid and influence are always on the side of those projects which are looking to the uplift of the individual and the benefit of the community at large.

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#### DUNCAN C. SMITH

Duncan C. Smith, superintendent of personal relations with the Aluminum Ore Company of East St. Louis and a resident of Belleville, has done important work in the political and humanitarian fields as well. In fact along many lines he has aided in the work of public progress and improvement. A native of Bowling Green, Missouri, he was born May 28, 1890, of the marriage of Carr W. and Luey (Major) Smith, the former a native of Missouri and the latter of Virginia. The father followed the occupation of farming for many years and while residing in Missouri became a leader in local democratic circles, taking an active and helpful interest in party affairs.

In 1896 the family removed to East St. Louis and it was about that time





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that Duncan C. Smith began his education, attending the public schools. Later he was graduated from St. Charles Military School as a member of the class of 1909 and he next attended Washington University in St. Louis, where he studied engineering. He also completed a course in business and personnel administration at Columbia University in New York city. When his textbooks were put aside he entered the employ of Albert B. Groves, an architect of St. Louis, for whom he worked as an engineer. In 1914 he became connected with the Aluminum Ore Company of East St. Louis in its engineering department, and when the state law on workmen's compensation was passed it created an executive position in the firm that required a knowledge of both engineering and personnel administration. Mr. Smith was particularly well qualified to fill this position and was therefore promoted to act as superintendent of personal relations, continuing in that capacity from 1915 to the present time.

Into the political field Mr. Smith has also directed his activities and is recognized as one of the foremost democrats of St. Clair county. Governor Horner appointed him a member of the state housing commission and he was chairman of the first relief committee in St. Clair county. He was appointed a member of the fact finding body in regard to the Illinois relief commission and his services were of far-reaching and beneficial effect. Mr. Smith acted as campaign manager and chairman of the Community Fund for two years and faithfully and capably discharged the important duties and responsibilities that rested upon him. Into many fields he has directed his efforts and has been particularly active in all local charity and community drives. Greatly interested in the Boy Scout movement, he has filled various positions from that of scoutmaster to member of the executive board during the past fifteen years. He believes in giving the youth of the country every possible opportunity for the development of character and for the formulation of principles which will prove an effective guide for upright living and for honorable citizenship. He is a director in the Illinois Big Brothers Association, which is affiliated with the department of public welfare, and he is greatly interested in the prevention of delinquency among juveniles, taking an active and helpful part in his home community in keeping first offenders at home by way of parole. He organized the night high school and secured the passage through the legislature of a bill to permit the use of public school facilities and was instrumental in enrolling over eleven hundred pupils. He is likewise a past president of the East St. Louis Rotary Club and does everything in his power to promote the standards inculcated by that organization. For three years he has been a director of the East St. Louis Chamber of Commerce. For many years he was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, which is indicative of the high standards which he has followed in his professional life.

In 1913 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Marie DeHaan, a native of East St. Louis, and they are the parents of two sons: Henry, who is a student in the medical department of St. Louis University; and Adrian (nicknamed Kelly), who is a law student at St. Louis University. Mrs. Smith, like her husband, is greatly interested in civic measures and assists him in all of his work for the good of the community and the state.

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### EARL W. JIMERSON

Earl W. Jimerson, a labor official of St. Clair county, living in East St. Louis, was born September 2, 1889, in the city which is still his home. His father, Elijah W. Jimerson, was a native of New York and became a general contractor. In politics he was a very stalwart democrat and worked earnestly and untiringly for the party. In Indiana he served as deputy United States marshal and he passed away during the childhood of his son Earl. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Runner, was a native of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Earl W. Jimerson attended the public schools of East St. Louis and in his youthful days learned the butcher's trade, working along that line for eight years. While thus employed he became affiliated with Local 534 of the Amalgamated Butchers and Meat Cutters of North America and since that time has taken an active part in the work of labor organizations. He became the local representative of his union and for the past seventeen years he has been national vice president of the order. He is one of nine to serve as vice presidents and is the second oldest in office in point of duration. In this position he has done active organization work throughout the country and he is widely known in labor circles.

Mr. Jimerson has also been an earnest worker in the democratic party since attaining his majority and is numbered among the foremost party supporters in St. Clair county. He has served on the county board of supervisors and was a candidate for member of the levee board in 1924 and 1928, on which occasions he won in the primaries but lost in the general elections. He has served as a delegate to many judicial and state conventions and is regarded as a strong and outstanding party leader owing to his broad influence in the labor unions.

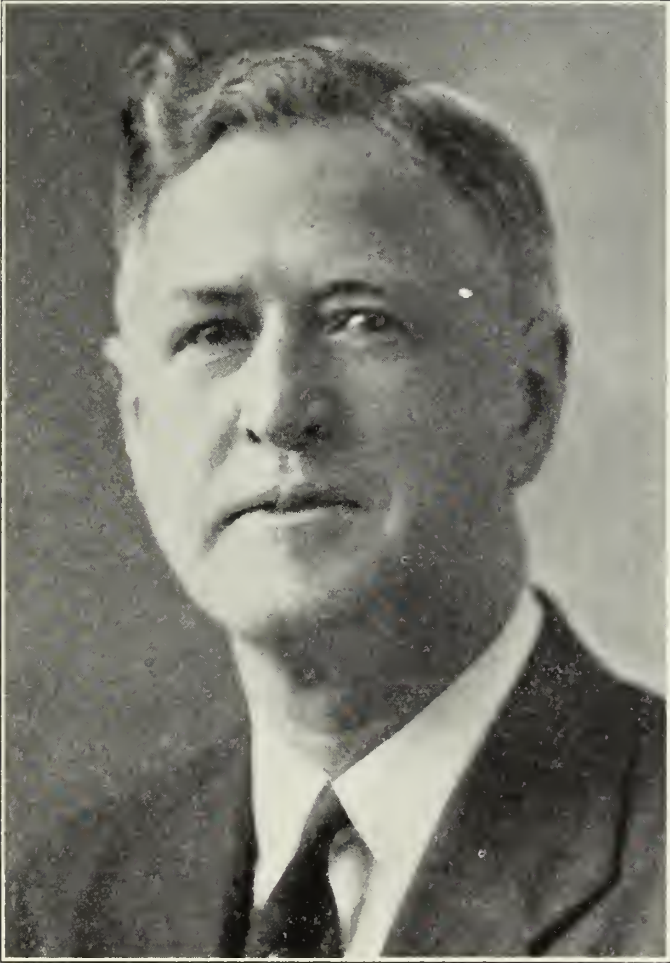
In 1911 Mr. Jimerson was married to Miss Frances Gutwald of East St. Louis. He belongs to the Tribe of Ben Hur and he has attended all of the national labor conventions for the past twenty years.

#### JOHN T. O'BRIEN

The postmaster of Harvard, McHenry county, is John T. O'Brien, who was here born September 16, 1880, a son of John B. and Charlotte (Troy) O'Brien. The mother, who was born in Bangor, Maine, May 10, 1850, died in 1923. The father was a representative of one of the old families of Illinois and his birth occurred near Harvard, this state, in June, 1847. He was for many years a well known stonemason of McHenry county and laid the foundation for a large number of farm buildings around Harvard. In politics he was always a staunch democrat and he passed away in 1919.

John T. O'Brien mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools of Harvard until he reached the age of sixteen years, when he quit school in order to manage the notion and book store and the news stand of H. W. Blodgett of Harvard. Four years later he entered the employ of the Chicago & North Western Railway as brakeman on a freight train, working in that capacity for two years, after which he was away for two and one-half years because of a fractured ankle. In 1908 he was called to public office, being elected tax collector on an independent ticket, winning by ten votes. He served in that position for two years, having been re-elected in 1909 by a majority of one hundred and fifty. In 1909 he established an insurance business, which he conducted until appointed acting postmaster on the 27th of August, 1934. He has long taken an active part in the public life of the community. From December, 1929, until August, 1934, he served on the board of supervisors and was chairman of its building committee in 1932 but resigned from the board in order to take charge of the post office following his recent appointment. He has been active in democratic circles since old enough to vote and elected precinct committeeman in 1932 and re-elected to the position in 1934 but resigned in order to concentrate his efforts and attention upon the work of the post office. In 1912 he attended the state convention in Springfield as an alternate delegate and in 1932 he visited the national democratic convention held in Chicago. He has always been interested in everything pertaining to the general welfare and gives his support to all plans and projects which he believes will be of real benefit to the community. He is now chairman of McHenry county emergency relief committee.





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## CARL W. FEICKERT

Carl W. Feickert, member of the East St. Louis bar who has been admitted to practice in Missouri as well as in Illinois, was born September 24, 1906, in Belleville, the city which is still his home, his parents being Christian A. and Elizabeth Katherine (Brosius) Feickert, who are also natives of St. Clair county. The latter was a daughter of Jacob Brosius, an inventor who established the municipal lighting plant in Belleville, which was one of the first of the kind in the state. Christian A. Feickert is the president of Feickert's Bakery, Inc., of Belleville, is a well known business man of the city and has always been active in promoting the civic welfare of the city.

After attending the Belleville public schools until he had graduated from the high school with the class of 1925, Carl W. Feickert entered the University of Illinois as a law student and gained his LL. B. degree at his graduation with the class of 1931. Returning home, he became associated with the law firm of Farthing & Farthing of East St. Louis. Since Judge Paul Farthing's elevation to the Supreme Court of Illinois, he has been associated with Chester H. Farthing of E. St. Louis. While one of the younger members of the bar, he has already made for himself a creditable place in the ranks of the legal fraternity and is steadily advancing. He belongs to the East St. Louis Bar Association and to the Illinois Bar Association, and he was appointed attorney for the Home Owners Loan Corporation before the reorganization in Illinois. He at present is one of the closing attorneys for the East St. Louis District of the Home Owners Loan Corporation.

Mr. Feickert was a candidate for probate judge in the 1934 primary. He has served for one term as a member of the county central committee, was a delegate to the judicial convention held in Mount Vernon in 1933 and is a member of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Belleville. In fact he is a very active democratic worker and he served on the county committee's fact finding committee in the dispensation of patronage. He gives unwavering support to the principles in which he believes and is always ready to support his position by intelligent argument. His college fraternities are the Theta Xi and the Phi Delta Phi. He is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Belleville and he is actuated by a progressive spirit in all of his relations to the community, standing for all projects which he believes will prove a potent force in promoting the welfare and upbuilding of city, county and commonwealth.

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JAMES F. KEELEY

Eight sons of Patrick Keeley of Ireland have adopted East St. Louis as their home. Here they have entered business, married, reared their families and have added many votes to the democratic party strength. Patrick Keeley was a stone-mason in Ireland and taught the trade to his son Michael, who came to the United States in 1881. He worked at his trade in East St. Louis and became a building and road contractor, carrying on business on an extensive scale. In 1887 John Keeley arrived in East St. Louis from Ireland and went to work for his brother Michael. John was born in the Emerald Isle in 1866. He married here and has four children: Mary, John J., M. J. and James J.

Patrick Keeley, son of Patrick Keeley mentioned above, was born in Ireland, August 3, 1868, and came to East St. Louis in 1889, at which time he also entered the employ of his brother Michael. In 1894 he married Bridget Whalen, a native of Missouri, and they have reared a family of six children: Margaret; John, who is married and has two sons, John and Patrick; Michael who is married and has a son, Michael; Martin; Helen; and Dorothy.

The third of the brothers to join Michael in America was James F. Keeley, who was born in Ireland, January 22, 1885, and was there educated. At the age of nineteen years he joined his elder brothers and entered the employ of his

brother Michael in East St. Louis. He was married June 14, 1909, to Margaret G. Leahy, of East St. Louis, and they have three children: Robert J., Helen and Ruth.

The fifth brother of the family to arrive in the new world was William Keeley, who was likewise born in Ireland and who joined the others when a young man, entering the building trades in East St. Louis in connection with his eldest brother. He is married and has four children: William, Mary, Raymond and Virginia.

Michael Keeley, who founded the business, was a bachelor and at his death, which occurred after the arrival of his brother William in the United States, the business was carried on under a partnership relation, the firm being composed of the four brothers—John, Patrick, James and William. The business has enjoyed a steady, continuous growth and a large part of the work conducted by the firm is in the line of public construction. Fully half of the streets and sewers of East St. Louis have been built by this firm and they have also done much highway construction. The Union Trust Bank building and the Catholic Community House stand as monuments to their skill and ability. They employ on an average of one hundred and eighty men throughout the entire year and the number is greatly increased when they undertake the execution of a large job. All four of the brothers who are members of the firm are fourth degree members of the Knights of Columbus and are also connected with the Ancient Order of Hibernians. They have ever been staunch democrats and are liberal contributors to the party chest. Their families alone produce a formidable voting strength, to say nothing of their many friends and associates who follow their political example. Patrick Keeley attended the democratic national convention in Chicago in 1932.

The brothers are members of the Southern Illinois Contractors Association and of the Illinois Contractors Association, of which James Keeley is a director. After the death of Michael Keeley three other brothers, Joseph, Andrew and Frank, came to the United States and are now employed by the Keeley Construction Company. Joseph is married but has no children. Andrew has two children, Michael and Martin, and Frank is unmarried.

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### JOHN F. McKIERNAN

John F. McKiernan is the commissioner of public works in Peoria, having been appointed to this position on the 1st of June, 1934, to succeed Thomas J. Cody. While he has served but a brief period, he has already given demonstration of the fact that he is qualified for the position and is making an excellent record in the office.

Mr. McKiernan was born in Fairbury, Illinois, April 12, 1881, and is a son of James B. and Ellen (O'Connor) McKiernan, who were natives of North Carolina and of Ottawa, Illinois, respectively, while both were of Irish descent. Thomas McKiernan, the grandfather of John F. McKiernan, established his home in Illinois soon after the Civil war, settling with his family in Livingston county, where he followed the occupation of farming. In the maternal line John F. McKiernan is a grandson of Jeremiah O'Connor, who was a pioneer settler of LaSalle county, Illinois, and was a carriage builder by trade. The father of John F. McKiernan became a prominent factor in democratic circles of the state and served as a member of the Illinois board of mine examiners under appointment of Governor Dunne. In 1896 he removed with his family to Peoria. To him and his wife were born twelve children, of whom the following are living: Mary, Anna, Loretta, Elizabeth, John F. and Thomas.

John F. McKiernan attended school in Gallatin county, Montana, and, his parents having returned to Illinois, he completed his education in Peoria. He secured employment with the Woolner Distilling Company, with whom he re-





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mained for twenty years or until prohibition went into effect. For several years he was a member of the United States revenue force in Peoria, serving until 1920, and during the succeeding seven years he was again in the distillery business. Since 1927 he has been connected with different city departments. In 1932 he was appointed superintendent of garbage collections under Mayor Ahrends. He afterward filled the position of assistant superintendent of streets under Mayor O'Brien and was appointed commissioner of public works in June, 1934, to succeed Thomas J. Cody when the latter was made postmaster of Peoria. He formerly represented the sixth ward on the school board of the city.

Mr. McKiernan was united in marriage to Miss Mary Sharp, who was born in Sparta, Illinois, a daughter of John and Sarah Sharp. The family are members of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church. Fraternally Mr. McKiernan is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He represents two of the old pioneer families of the state and has always been deeply interested in the welfare and upbuilding of the commonwealth. This interest has been manifest in many tangible ways for the benefit of his adopted city and he is today regarded as one of the valued residents and capable officials of Peoria.

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### HENRY L. SIEKMANN

Henry L. Siekmann is a resident of O'Fallon, Illinois, where he was born May 5, 1897. His father, Henry Siekmann, is also a native of St. Clair county, where he has followed the milling business, and he has been a lifelong democrat. He married Bessie Kinsella, also a native of St. Clair county.

Public and parochial schools of O'Fallon accorded Henry L. Siekmann his educational opportunities. He afterward enlisted in the United States Navy, in which he served for two years, being on duty with the fleet in foreign waters and receiving his discharge in 1919 as boatswain's mate. The following year, 1920, he was elected city clerk of O'Fallon and occupied the position continuously for eight years or for four terms of two years each. In 1928 he entered the employ of the Marquette Cement Company, with which he remained until 1930, when he was appointed chief deputy sheriff under Jerome Munie. In this capacity he is now serving and in 1934 he received the nomination of his party for the office of sheriff. He belongs to the St. Clair County Peace Officers Association and to the Illinois Sheriff's Association.

For fifteen years Mr. Siekmann has been a member of the St. Clair county organization and does all in his power to further the growth and secure success for the party. He has been a delegate to various judicial and state conventions and he uses every chance to promote democratic growth in Illinois. Mr. Siekmann belongs to the American Legion and is a past commander of H. Edward Fisher Post at O'Fallon. He is likewise connected with the Forty and Eight, with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Knights of Columbus.

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### JOHN P. COSTELLO

John P. Costello, owner of a service station in East St. Louis and well known as an advocate of democratic principles, was born February 16, 1891, in the city where he still resides, his parents being Edward and Margaret (Canty) Costello, both of whom are natives of Ireland. They were married, however, in St. Louis after coming to the new world. The father was a railroad employe for many years and is now building custodian for the board of education of East St. Louis. Since gaining the right of franchise he has been a very active democrat.

John P. Costello attended the parochial and public schools of East St. Louis and also Christian Brothers College, in which he was a student for four

years. Starting out in the business world, he became a stenographer for the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company and after completing his education he established an accounting business. Through accounting channels he became the East St. Louis manager of the Lehman Piano Company, the Lehman Music Company and the Felsen Brothers Liquor Company. In 1928 he purchased a battery and service station from a firm whose accounting business he had handled, and today the enterprise is carried on under the firm name of Costello-Menges, Inc. He has built up a substantial trade and his success is the legitimate outcome of industry and close application.

Mr. Costello is also well known in political circles. In 1911 he became a precinct committeeman and served continuously until 1920, when he was elected chairman of the East St. Louis city committee and the chairman of the St. Clair county central committee, and as such handled the work of the presidential campaign in this county in 1920. In 1922 he resigned the chairmanship and in the same year he moved out of his old precinct, establishing his home in Lansdowne, where he has since been a very active party worker. In 1918 he was appointed deputy collector in the office of the income tax collector in the department of internal revenue, serving under John M. Rapp for two years. In April, 1933, he was elected a member of the East St. Louis board of education, and he traveled the state in support of Hon. J. Hamilton Lewis when the latter was a candidate for governor. He is recognized as one of the party's leaders and is a tireless worker for democracy.

In 1912 Mr. Costello was united in marriage to Elizabeth Josephine Sheehan, of East St. Louis, and they are the parents of a son, John Sheehan. Mr. Costello was formerly a member of the board of directors of the Optimist Club and has been well known socially in East St. Louis for many years. The major part of his time and attention, however, is given to his business affairs and he has now developed an extensive trade in batteries in both the wholesale and retail fields.

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#### JUDGE N. J. COLGAN

Judge N. J. Colgan, police magistrate of East St. Louis, was born January 28, 1880, in the city which is still his home, and is a representative of one of the old, well known and prominent families here. His grandfather, Nicholas Colgan, was the first fire chief of East St. Louis. His father, Robert Colgan, was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and became a railroad agent. He married Theresa Scullin, a native of Alton, Illinois, and while spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, their son, Judge Colgan, attended the public and parochial schools of East St. Louis and for two years was a high school pupil. Later he pursued a business course in a night school and he started out to provide for his own support by working as a messenger boy for the Western Union. He was afterward in the employ of Swift & Company for seven years and then spent five years as a clerk with the Vandalia Railroad. In 1909 he became one of the first employes of the East Side Levee & Sanitary District and acted in that capacity for about thirteen years. He has continuously since that appointment been in public service. He was elected constable, filling the office for fourteen years, and in 1931 he was elected police magistrate and is the present incumbent in the position. He holds court in his own court rooms on Main street and has made a record which is highly satisfactory to the public. He has been a very active worker in democratic circles since attaining his majority and has never wavered in his allegiance to the principles of the party.

On the 27th of January, 1907, Judge Colgan was united in marriage to Mrs. Elma Deem, of Fairfield, Illinois, and their children are Robert L., Myrtle Miller, Elma Teresa and Emily Louise. Judge Colgan is connected with the



Knights of Columbus. He is well known in East St. Louis, where his entire life has been passed and where he has an extensive circle of warm friends.

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### CHESTER H. FARTHING

Chester H. Farthing, who many times has represented his district in the state conventions of the democratic party and is well known in political circles throughout Illinois, is actively engaged in the practice of law in East St. Louis. He was born in Odin, Marion county, this state, April 26, 1889, and is a son of William Dudley and Sarah Boyd (Phillips) Farthing, the latter a native of Tennessee. The father, a native of Illinois, served for four terms as state's attorney of Marion county. On attaining his majority he became a very active democrat, working untiringly for the support of the party, in which connection he became widely known. He practiced law in Salem and tried his first case before Judge Bryan, the father of William Jennings Bryan, and at the death of the Judge acted as one of his pallbearers.

Chester H. Farthing pursued his education in the schools of Odin until graduated from the high school with the class of 1905. He won his Bachelor of Science degree at McKendree College in Lebanon in 1909 and he then entered the law school of the University of Illinois, where he was made a Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1913. The same year he was appointed inheritance tax attorney under Patrick J. Lucey, attorney general, his district comprising eight counties. In December of the same year, together with his brother, Paul Farthing, now one of the justices of the supreme court of Illinois, and Martin F. Oehmke now master in chancery of St. Clair county, he opened a law office in East St. Louis under the firm name of Farthing, Oehmke & Farthing. He was thus active in practice until February, 1918, when he put aside all business and personal considerations to join the army. He went to Camp Taylor, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Artillery in August, 1918, and was then sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he received his discharge in January, 1919. He was recommended for promotion and commissioned a first lieutenant in the Reserve Corps and is now a captain in the Field Artillery of the Reserve. He early became a member of the American Legion and thus maintains close association with the veterans of the World war.

On the 9th of October, 1920, Mr. Farthing was married to Miss Gladys Pauline Sloan, of Odin, and they have one son, Dudley Sloan Farthing, born August 5, 1932. That Mrs. Farthing is descended from one of the old American families is indicated in the fact that she has membership in Cahokia Mound Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She also belongs to the Federation of University Women. Mr. Farthing's college fraternity is the Phi Delta Phi and he also belongs to the Order of the Coif. Along professional lines he has connection with the East St. Louis Bar Association, of which he is a past president, and the Illinois Bar Association. With his return from military service he had resumed law practice, and in 1919 the firm became Farthing, Boyles & Farthing, thus continuing until 1922, when the second partner withdrew and the firm style of Farthing & Farthing continued until June, 1933, when his brother was elected to the supreme court. Chester H. Farthing enjoys a large private practice and his name is associated with many of the most important cases which have been heard in the courts of the district in the past two decades. He has always voted with the democratic party and was chairman of the central committee of St. Clair county from 1926 to 1928. He has been a delegate to many state conventions and his opinions carry weight in party councils. From 1917 until 1922 he examined the titles for the Federal Land Bank as title attorney.

Fraternally Mr. Farthing is a thirty-second degree Mason, with member-

ship in Mississippi Valley Consistory, and he has also crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of Aiuad Temple of the Mystic Shrine of East St. Louis. His social nature finds expression in his membership in the Optimist Club, of which he is a past president, and the St. Clair Country Club. He is likewise a member of the Reserve Officers Association and of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The same loyalty in matters of citizenship which characterized his Revolutionary ancestry has been a potent force in his life, and both as a man and a citizen he ranks among the foremost residents of East St. Louis.

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#### MRS. MARY J. COMSTOCK

Mrs. Mary J. Comstock, the postmaster at Dieterich, Effingham county, and a zealous supporter of democracy, is well known in the community where she makes her home, for she has spent most of her life in this town, of which she is a native daughter. She was born July 21, 1899, her parents being John W. and Rosa M. (Grove) Richards. Her father was ever a public-spirited citizen and at the outbreak of the Civil war responded to the call of the government, serving for four years as a private in the Union Army, during which time he participated in many hotly contested engagements. He was committeeman in his precinct for several years and served as chairman of the county committee for several terms.

Mary J. Richards completed her public school education in the high school of Effingham, Illinois, which numbers her among its alumni of the class of 1920. She afterward attended the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College at Charleston for two years and thus thoroughly prepared for life's practical and responsible duties. For twelve years she engaged in teaching, proving a capable educator by reason of her ability to impart readily and clearly to her pupils the knowledge she had acquired. She was married October 4, 1924, in Vandalia, Illinois, and is now a widow with one son, Richard, nine years of age.

Mrs. Comstock belongs to the Christian Church and is much interested in the social and moral progress of the community. She is very active in the Woman's Club, of which she is now president, and she belongs to the Jeffersonian Club and the Democratic Glee Club. She has always supported the democratic party and was appointed postmaster of Dieterich, June 22, 1934, a merited recognition of her political loyalty and her fitness for the position. The appointment was highly satisfactory to her fellow townsmen, for she has many friends here.

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#### WALTER WILLIAM HINDERBERGER

While different business interests have claimed the attention and energies of Walter William Hinderberger at various times, in recent years he has concentrated his efforts largely upon official duties and is now rendering valuable service as justice of the peace in East St. Louis. Here he was born November 26, 1889, his parents being Samuel and Louisa (Monken) Hinderberger, the former a native of East St. Louis. The father was for many years a steamboat man on the Mississippi river, devoting fifty-five years to river work, acting as superintendent of floating equipment for the Terminal Railroad for a considerable part of that long period. He is now living retired. His wife, a native of Missouri, was reared in St. Louis.

Walter W. Hinderberger attended the public schools of East St. Louis and afterward matriculated in the Jones College of Commerce and Law, in which he completed a full course. He started out in the business world as variety salesman with the J. P. Becker department store of East St. Louis and remained in that position for a year and a half. After finishing his school work he be-



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came a clerk and stenographer with Joseph Selig & Company, brokers of St. Louis, and subsequently he entered the employ of R. G. Dun & Company on the reportorial staff. Later he was given charge of the correspondence department, thus continuing until 1917. In the latter year he became credit manager for Swift & Company and during the World war period he entered war work in the foundry of the American Steel Company. In 1918 he became associated with the East St. Louis Gasoline Company as manager of stations and in 1922 purchased two of their stations, continuing in the business with excellent success until 1932. In April of the following year he was elected justice of the peace, and with court room on Main street, he presides over this municipal court, rendering decisions which are strictly fair and impartial. In April, 1927, he became a member of the East St. Louis board of education and was connected therewith until April, 1933. He has always been an earnest believer in democratic principles and an active party worker. For several years he was a member of the city central committee and has been elected a delegate to several of the state conventions. He has thus become well known to party leaders throughout Illinois and his name stands high on the roll of democracy's supporters in St. Clair county.

On the 24th of June, 1911, Mr. Hinderberger was united in marriage to Helen Arterburn, of East St. Louis, and they are the parents of two children: Lucile, who is secretary to the principal of the East St. Louis high school; and Walter W., Jr., a youth of seventeen years, who is a high school student.

Mr. Hinderberger is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and has held office in the order for several years. He has also belonged to the Optimist Club for a number of years, has been active in its committee work and has been a delegate to its state conventions. He supports any project which he firmly believes will be of benefit to the community and his aid and influence are always given on the side of general welfare and public improvement.

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### LOUIS J. MENGES

Louis J. Menges, a theatre owner of East St. Louis, is accounted one of the representative business men of this city, in which his birth occurred on the 30th of October, 1888, his parents being Louis and Margaret (Canty) Menges, both of whom were natives of Missouri. The father's birth occurred in the city of St. Louis and in his boyhood days he came to East St. Louis, where he later engaged in the retail liquor business. He was very active in democratic circles and served on the county central committee, working earnestly for the success of the party and its candidates. He served as steward of the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet under Governor Altgeld and he passed away in 1917.

Louis J. Menges, whose name introduces this record, was a pupil in the public and parochial schools of East St. Louis and afterward attended the Christian Brothers College of St. Louis, Missouri, from which institution he was graduated with the Civil Engineer degree in 1907. Subsequently he spent three years in the work of his profession with the Missouri Pacific Lines and then became assistant engineer of East St. Louis, thus serving until 1910. In the latter year he entered business on his own account as a broker of St. Louis and so continued until America entered the World war, when he enlisted for service with the One Hundred and Fortieth Infantry of the Thirty-fifth Division. He was overseas for two and one-half years and participated in the engagements on all important military fronts in which the American troops took part. He was wounded three times and has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart, with palms and silver star. During six months of his sojourn in war-ridden Europe he was in the hospital and in August, 1919, he returned to the United States. While he joined the army as a private, he was commissioned a second lieutenant when overseas and was afterward pro-

moted to the rank of first lieutenant. He belongs to the American Legion, to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and to the Forty and Eight.

At the close of his military service Mr. Menges returned home to Illinois but went to Texas during the oil boom in that state, remaining for a short time. Subsequently he entered the theatre business in East St. Louis, purchasing the Grand Theatre. After two years he built the New State Theatre and six years later became owner of the Columbia Theatre at Fifteenth and State streets. Mr. Menges is now a member of the film board of eastern Missouri and southern Illinois, a board of which was organized to settle disputes under the film code, composed of five exhibitors and five distributors in this territory. Aside from his theatre business he is a partner in the Costello-Menges Battery Corporation, which since 1931 has engaged in the manufacture of batteries at Eighth and St. Louis streets.

In 1926 Mr. Menges was married to Miss Helen M. Rigden, of East St. Louis, and they have a daughter, Dolores. Mr. Menges belongs to the Knights of Columbus and his wife to the Catholic Women's League. They are both communicants of St. Philip's Church. Mr. Menges is likewise a member of the Optimist Club. He has always been interested in sports and athletics and was captain of the Christian Brothers football team for two years, playing against Knute Roekne in 1913 when the latter was captain of the Notre Dame team. Mr. Menges was on the team that won the second championship at the Olympic games in St. Louis in 1904 and he was also a member of the track team that participated in the Olympic games. He is an enthusiast on the subject of athletics and has played football in England, Ireland, Scotland and France with the American football team which was picked from the entire American Expeditionary Force. In politics he has always been a democrat and entered the political arena in January, 1933, as a proposed candidate for sheriff. Later he was announced as a candidate for state senator and was nominated by a majority of twenty-five hundred and eighty-eight in St. Clair county and by a majority of more than fourteen thousand in the district. His interests and his experiences are broad and varied, giving him a comprehensive knowledge of life and its activities, and today he is accounted one of the enterprising and energetic business men of St. Clair county, where as a successful theatre owner he is widely known.

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#### W. W. BOYNE, M. D.

Dr. W. W. Boyne, a practicing physician of East St. Louis who specializes in the treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat, for which field of service he is particularly qualified, is now filling the office of county coroner of St. Clair county and for twenty-two years has been a member of the democratic county committee. Illinois claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Cahokia in 1889, his parents being George A. and Theresa (Badeau) Boyne, the latter a native of France. The father was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, and has long been a stalwart democrat, active in party affairs and serving for twenty-six years as justice of the peace.

After attending the parochial schools of East St. Louis, W. W. Boyne entered the St. Louis University, where he won the degrees of B. S. and M. D., having completed the course in medicine in that institution. He put his theoretical knowledge to the practical test as an interne in St. Mary's Hospital of St. Louis and thereby gained a valuable experience which is never acquired as quickly or surely in any other way as in hospital practice. Later he pursued a postgraduate course at Harvard, where he specialized on diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He entered the Medical Corps of the United States Army during the war and was commissioned a captain, being assigned to duty as

specialist on the eye, ear, nose and throat in hospitals in Fort Worth, Texas, New York city and in France.

The year of his return from the war Dr. Boyne was married to Miss Emily Campbell, who was a member of the faculty of the East St. Louis high school. They have three sons: Robert, a youth of fourteen years; William, who is twelve years of age; and Walter, a lad of five years.

It was also in the year of his marriage—1918—that Dr. Boyne opened an office for practice in East St. Louis, where he has since remained, and in addition to the extensive private practice which he has built up he is serving as a member of the staff of St. Mary's Hospital and the Christian Welfare Hospital, both of East St. Louis. He belongs to the St. Clair County and Illinois State Medical Societies, the American Medical Association and the National Society of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists. He always keeps in close touch with the advanced thought and research work of the profession and employs the most scientific methods in his work.

**Even before attaining his majority** Dr. Boyne became active in the democratic party and in 1928 he was elected coroner of St. Clair county and on the expiration of his first term of four years was re-elected in 1932. For more than two decades he has served on the democratic county committee, laboring effectively to promote the interests of the party and being particularly successful in gaining the cooperation and aid of other party leaders. From both a professional and political standpoint he is recognized as one of the foremost figures in democratic circles in this part of the state.

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#### R. V. GUSTIN

R. V. Gustin, an attorney at law engaged in general practice in East St. Louis, well deserves mention in this work because of his continued fidelity to democracy and his effective efforts to secure the adoption of its principles in his community. Born in Andersonville, Indiana, in November, 1874, he is a son of Morris and Elizabeth (Pond) Gustin, who were natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. The father was a Methodist minister, devoting his life to the work of the church. The family removed to Lebanon, Ohio, during the childhood days of R. V. Gustin, who there attended the public schools. When a youth of eighteen years he removed to Lebanon, Illinois, where he entered McKendree College and in 1895 won his Bachelor of Laws degree. The same year he was admitted to practice at the Illinois bar, but as a preliminary step to work in the profession he taught school at Summerfield, Illinois, for four years. In 1899 he opened a law office in East St. Louis, where he has since practiced with the exception of two years when he was in service in the World war. He joined the army in August, 1917, going to the Second Officers Training Camp at Fort Sheridan, where he won a commission as first lieutenant. He was promoted to a captaincy in August, 1918, and was on duty at Camp Lee, Virginia, being a captain of infantry at the time of his discharge. He was promoted to the rank of major in the Reserve Corps and is now a lieutenant colonel. He has retained active connection with his army comrades through his membership in the American Legion and has served as commander of East St. Louis Post No. 53 of the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Field Artillery. He has likewise filled the office of district commander and is greatly interested in what is being accomplished by the organization.

With his return to civil life Mr. Gustin resumed active connection with the legal profession and is giving his attention to general law practice. He is well versed in all departments of the law, and his care in preparing his cases and his clear and forceful presentation of his cause before the court are strong elements in his continued success. From 1923 until 1928 he served as corporation counsel of East St. Louis. He has always been a stalwart democrat since



casting his first presidential vote for William Jennings Bryan. He served as chairman of both city and county democratic committees in 1906 and 1908 and was a member thereof for several years. He has been a recognized leader in many district and state conventions, sponsoring candidates and heading committees, and his broad vision, combined with practical activity, has brought desired results.

In 1899 Mr. Gustin was married to Miss Anna Lewis, who died in 1917. In 1921 he wedded Estelle Bernard, of East St. Louis, and they have a daughter, Mary Helen. For thirty-five years Mr. Gustin has been a resident of East St. Louis, where his record as an able lawyer, a forceful politician, a loyal citizen and a man of high purpose is well known.

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### PETER HYLAND PROCTOR

Peter Hyland Proctor of Marseilles has devoted his entire life to mining in Illinois and is now a member of the State Mining Board. Born in England, July 21, 1875, he is a son of John and Catherine Proctor, who came to America during the childhood days of their son Peter and settled in Braidwood, Illinois. The father was a coal miner and Peter began working in the mines when but fourteen years of age, driving mules underground with Anton Cermak, who was later mayor of Chicago. At that time Mr. Proctor received sixteen cents per hour and worked ten hours per day. For about forty-one years he worked underground, beginning as mule driver and making steady advancement until eventually he was placed in charge of the mine. While still a boy he went to Spring Valley and also to Toluca and to LaSalle, always working in the mines of these various localities. He then returned to Braidwood, where he remained until 1907, when he came to Marseilles, where he has made his home much of the time. He was in charge of the South Side mine for five and one-half years. Subsequently he was away from Marseilles for an equal period, during which time he spent three and one-half years at Pontiac and six months in southern Illinois, while for one year he was at Rutland, having charge of mines in those various places. After his return to Marseilles he was in charge of mines till they were shut down and he then continued mining operations on a cooperative basis for six months. His experiences have been wide and varied. He is a charter member of the United Mine Workers of America. While in Braidwood he was personally acquainted with John Mitchell, who was then working for eighteen cents per hour. As Mr. Proctor recalls it, the miners' organization of Braidwood was No. 1 local of the United Mine Workers of America. He can remember the diamond mine disaster, driving there in a buggy with his father, who would not, however, allow him to get out of the buggy and witness the sights to be seen on that occasion. Mr. Proctor also spent three days at the scene of the Cherry mine disaster. He holds a diploma in mining from the International Correspondence School, dated January 23, 1905, and he has a state certificate in mining dated March 16, 1905.

In 1916 Mr. Proctor was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Strewell, of Ottawa, Illinois, and they are the parents of two children, Catherine and Laverne, aged seventeen and fifteen years, respectively. Mr. Proctor is a communicant of the Catholic Church and his wife has membership in the Lutheran Church. He was formerly identified with the Knights of Columbus and is still a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. In politics he has always been a democrat, working actively for the party, and at one time was a candidate for supervisor in Reed township, Will county. He is and has long been a precinct committeeman and on the 27th of February, 1934, he was appointed a member of the state mining board in the department of mines and minerals of the state of Illinois, a position for which his long practical experience in mining well qualifies him. No more competent person could have been chosen for the position and his record in office will measure up to the highest expectations of his supporters.





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## RAY A. YORK

Politics shares with merchandising in the activities of Ray A. York, a well known democrat of Hartford, Madison county, where he is conducting a successful grocery store. He was born in Elvaston, Hancock county, Illinois, November 10, 1894, a son of Anderson and Alice (Guilkey) York, both of whom are natives of this state.

Ray A. York was a lad of five summers when the family removed to Quincy and there he pursued his education, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. When his textbooks were put aside he became a clerk in a wholesale hardware house of Quincy and was thus employed until 1917, when he entered the navy, spending a year overseas, abroad the U. S. S. Kansas, the Nokomis, the Saetia and the Sialia, being discharged as a first-class seaman.

Resuming the activities of civilian life, Mr. York soon removed to Hartford and here established a grocery store, which he has since conducted, employing enterprising and progressive methods that have resulted in winning for him a substantial trade.

In 1918 Mr. York was married to Miss Leah Pearl Belt, of Quincy, and they have one son, Richard. Mrs. York was appointed postmaster of Hartford in December, 1933. Mr. York has been very active in the work of the democratic party here and in 1927 and 1928 occupied the office of mayor, during which time he was largely instrumental in securing the building of the sewer system at a cost of one hundred and sixty-eight thousand dollars. Both Mr. and Mrs. York take a helpful part in everything pertaining to the growth and prosperity of the community and to civic betterment. The latter has served as president of the Hartford Woman's Club and both are favorably known in social circles here. In his fraternal connections Mr. York is a Mason, loyally following the teachings and purposes of the craft.

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JAMES E. SIMPSON

James E. Simpson, now serving for the second term as township assessor of Collinsville township, Madison county, was born in Caseyville township, St. Clair county, Illinois, July 16, 1874, his parents being James Monroe and Mary E. (Jones) Simpson, also natives of the same county. The father was a farmer by occupation, devoting his entire life to the tilling of the soil. In politics he was an avowed democrat and filled various local school and township offices.

Born and reared on a farm, the youthful days of James E. Simpson were passed in the usual manner of the farm-bred boy who divides his time between the work of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the task of cultivating the fields. After attending the rural schools of Madison and St. Clair counties, Illinois, he was graduated from the high school in Collinsville and then matriculated in McKendree College at Lebanon, Illinois. He pursued the teachers' course and now holds a state life certificate as a teacher and as an accountant. He is a notably rapid calculator and now works at the Fairmont racing meet, having charge of track calculations during these meets. Previously he taught in the village and city schools and then returned to his home district of Bethel. In February, 1900, he entered the employ of the Donk Brothers Coal & Coke Company as chief clerk at the Cuba mine and continued to act in that capacity until 1907.

In the meantime Mr. Simpson had been called to public office. He has always been recognized as a stalwart democrat and on the ticket of his party was elected in 1905 to the office of city clerk of Collinsville, thus serving until 1909. In the latter year popular suffrage gave him the office of mayor of Collinsville and while administering the affairs of the city he also taught in the commercial department of the Collinsville high school, continuing his teaching there for a period of seven years. When Woodrow Wilson was president of the United

States he appointed Mr. Simpson postmaster of Collinsville and the latter served in that office for eight years. During the past twenty years he has given his time and attention largely to special services that require an expert accountant and he is now occupying the position of township assessor of Collinsville township for a second term. During the past fifteen years he has repeatedly been appointed as supervisor of special assessments. In his connection with the race track he has become most widely known, having been sent to tracks all over the world as special auditor. In every possible way he has furthered the interests of democracy and for twenty years has been a member of the county central committee, of which he is now the vice chairman. He is also the president of the Canteen Creek Drainage District. For a quarter of a century he has been a delegate to practically all of the state conventions and has proved an influential factor in judicial conventions. He is likewise a recognized leader in educational circles and is often called to speak on behalf of the public schools and other agencies leading to intellectual development and progress.

On the 22nd of October, 1898, Mr. Simpson was married to Miss Lulu Johnson, who had been his classmate in the schools of Collinsville. They now have four children: Juanita, the wife of Clarence Field, of Collinsville; La Monte W., who is secretary of the Madison County Board of Review; Leota Erdell and Leola Erdine, twins. The former was married August 6, 1934, to Conrad Ambrosius, of Collinsville, Illinois, an engineer in the highway department of the state. Leola Erdine is now the wife of William J. Lepp, Jr., of Collinsville. Mr. Simpson belongs to the Knights of Pythias and is often sent to its conventions as a speaker. He is alert to the interests and issues of the day, whether political or otherwise, and his aid and support are ever given on the side of progress and improvement.

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#### PEARL SMITH

Pearl Smith, commissioner of streets in Madison and a member of the county board of supervisors of Madison county since 1907, never delegates to others the public tasks which he should perform but recognizes both the duties and obligations of citizenship and is ready and willing to meet every requirement that comes to him as a private individual or as an official. He is a native of the neighboring state of Missouri, his birth having occurred in Bowling Green, Pike county, July 31, 1877, his parents being John P. and Frances (Trower) Smith, both of whom were also natives of Missouri. The father followed farming as his life work and for thirty-five years he filled the position of justice of the peace. He was always a very strong democrat and active as a party worker.

In the acquirement of his education Pearl Smith mastered the work of the grades and of the high school and then attended a seminary in his native city. When nineteen years of age he removed to Venice, Illinois, where he was employed by the street railway company for a period of six years. He next entered the livery and undertaking business in Venice as a member of the firm operating under the name of the Tri-City Livery & Undertaking Company, devoting his attention to its interests for five years. In 1907 he was elected supervisor from Venice township and has served continuously since as a member of the county board and through eleven years of this period has been chairman of the board. Few men can claim as extended a record of service in one office and none can claim a more unsullied reputation owing to his faithfulness to duty and his recognition of what makes for the best interests of the county. He is also now serving for the eighteenth year as street commissioner of Madison, and again the length of his tenure in office is the proof of his worth as an official. For many years he was a member of the democratic senatorial committee, has been a delegate to many of the state conventions and is now chairman of the rules committee of the county board. During the eleven years in



which he was chairman of the county board he was also chairman of the county tax board and in 1926 he was the democratic nominee for county sheriff. For ten years he was chief of the volunteer fire department of Madison and for twenty-six years has been a member of the Illinois Firemen's Association, of which he served as president for two years. During that time the memorable cyclone at Murphysboro occurred in which three firemen lost everything that they had. He sent out an S O S call and collected eleven thousand dollars for the men. For a period of sixteen years Mr. Smith was a member of the state executive committee of the Illinois Firemen's Association.

In 1903 Mr. Smith wedded Miss Maud Laird, of Pike county, Missouri, and they have twin daughters, Nadene and Irene. Mr. Smith belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and for two years was exalted ruler of his lodge. He also has membership connection with the Odd Fellows, the Moose and the Eagles. No good work done for humanity, for the community or the country at large fails to receive his endorsement and support and his sterling worth as a man and citizen is widely acknowledged.

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### BEN HODGES

Ben Hodges, county recorder of Madison county, has been an active worker in the ranks of the democratic party since 1920 and his labors have been effectively resultant. Illinois claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Fairfield, May 23, 1888. His grandfather, Captain Holley Hodges, of Fairfield, was a prominent leader in state affairs and an earnest worker in democratic circles, and during Governor Dunne's administration filled an appointment in Memorial Hall. His son, J. C. Hodges, father of Ben Hodges, was born in Illinois and has devoted his life to farming. Like his father, he has always voted the democratic ticket and has worked untiringly for party successes. He served as justice of the peace and was tax collector for many years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Ida Crews, is also a native of this state.

After attending the grade and high schools of Fairfield, Ben Hodges left home to go to East St. Louis, where he was employed by Swift & Company for a time. Later he worked for the street railway company and for five years he was an employe at the Elgin State Hospital. Subsequently he spent four years with the Western Cartridge Company at East Alton and a similar period with the Standard Oil Company at Wood River, acting during the latter period as locomotive engine operator. He then established a grocery and meat business in East Alton, which he conducted until 1932, when he sold out. In that year he was elected recorder of Madison county and is the present incumbent in the office, the duties of which he is discharging promptly and faithfully. Like his forebears, he has always been deeply interested in the success of the democratic party and has been one of its active workers since 1920. For twelve years he served as precinct committeeman and for two years was vice chairman of the committee. He has attended a number of state conventions as a delegate and through appointment of the county judge he became a member of the Wood River drainage and levee district board, of which he is now the secretary. For three years he filled the office of president of the board of education of East Alton and the public schools have ever found in him a stalwart champion. The public records of East Alton also show that for four years he was an alderman of the city and for two years its mayor, and at all times he has been loyal to the trust reposed in him, performing his duties with capability and meeting every responsibility with a high sense of citizenship. An ardent fighter, he has taken both success and failure but never falters in his allegiance to the cause which he espouses.

On the 3rd of December, 1913, Mr. Hodges was united in marriage to Miss

Estella Frazier, of Wayne county, Illinois, and they have three children: Mary Ellen, Georgia and Ben, Jr. Mrs. Hodges is quite active in the women's political organizations of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Hodges attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. While he was with the East St. Louis Railway Company he was also a member of the United Order of Street Railway Employees. All these interests, however, are made subservient to his activities as county recorder and in his official work he is most thorough and systematic.

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### JOHN V. BARR

John V. Barr, filling the office of postmaster at Mazon, was born in the town where he still lives, his natal day being April 23, 1908. His parents, James C. and Theresa Barr, are now living on a farm near Mazon and have been lifelong residents of Grundy county, residing during the past forty years in Mazon township, where they are widely and favorably known. The father has always devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits and is now carrying on farming on an extensive scale. He has ever given stalwart allegiance to the democratic party and in this respect has followed in the footsteps of his parents, who were earnest advocates of democratic principles.

John V. Barr obtained his education in the country schools until he had completed the work of the grades, after which he enrolled as a student in the Mazon high school and was graduated therefrom in 1926. He was reared to the occupation of farming early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops under the direction of his father, who has always employed the most progressive methods in carrying on farm work. John V. Barr continued to assist his father until December 8, 1933, when he was appointed by President Roosevelt to the office of postmaster of Mazon and is now acting in that capacity. He has been a democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and has done everything in his power to promote the growth and secure the success of the party. He has been very active in The Young Men's Democratic Club of Grundy county and promoted its organization. He was reared in the Catholic faith and he is still a communicant of the church.

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### MARK LESTER GEERS

Mark Lester Geers, state's attorney, with offices in the courthouse at Edwardsville, was born in Pin Oak township, Madison county, Illinois, July 28, 1880, a son of Thomas and Mary (Alberding) Geers. The father, also a native of Madison county, was a stationary engineer. He voted with the democratic party and worked ardently and actively for its success. For three years, from 1884 until 1887, he served as superintendent of the County Home and he filled various local offices. A veteran of the Union Army, he served in the One Hundred and Seventeenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, of which the father of Governor Charles S. Deneen was adjutant. His wife was born in California, but her parents were natives of Madison county, Illinois, whence they went to the Pacific coast during the gold rush.

Mark Lester Geers obtained his early education in the public schools of Edwardsville and pursued his college work in Leclaire Academy of that city. Determining upon the practice of law as a life work, he began acquainting himself with Blackstone and other commentators in the office of the state's attorney, where he read law under L. Newton Statts and Robert J. Brown from 1898 until 1901. In the latter year he was appointed official court reporter in the third judicial circuit of Illinois and while thus serving continued his law studies and also assisted in the office of the state's attorney. In 1905



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he was admitted to the bar and formed a partnership with Robert J. Brown under the firm style of Brown & Geers. The following year his brother, Cyrus A. Geers, was admitted to the bar and entered the firm, the partnership connection remaining unbroken until 1909, when Mr. Brown passed away. Since then the firm style of Geers & Geers has been maintained. They have offices in Edwardsville and also in the Title Guaranty building in St. Louis and engage in general practice, handling many personal injury cases. Both partners were admitted to the Missouri bar in 1910. Their practice is now extensive and the firm of Geers & Geers is accorded a prominent position among leading lawyers of western Illinois and of Missouri's metropolis.

Mark L. Geers has always voted with the democratic party and has been a delegate to several state conventions. In 1915 and again in 1927 he received the nomination of the democratic party for circuit judge in the third judicial circuit of Illinois and in 1924 he was the nominee for state's attorney; in 1932 was again nominated for state's attorney and was elected, and is the present incumbent in the position.

In 1903 Mr. Geers was married to Miss Emily Durer, a native of Madison county, Illinois, and they have two daughters: Dorothy, born July 9, 1904, who is now assistant county superintendent of schools, and Eleanor, born September 1, 1906, who is now the wife of William Richardson, of Edwardsville. Mr. Geers belongs to Edwardsville Lodge, No. 99, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, and he is also a past high priest of Edwardsville Chapter, No. 146, R. A. M. He likewise has membership in the Knights Templar commandery at Alton, the Mystic Shrine at East St. Louis and the Elks lodge at Granite City. He belongs to the American Legion and the Forty and Eight. He attended the Second Officers Training Camp at Fort Sheridan and was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry for service in the World war. Along strictly professional lines his membership connection is with the Madison County Bar Association, of which he is a past president, and the Illinois State Bar Association.

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### JAMES T. CALLAHAN

Madison county has been signally favored in the class of men who have occupied her public offices, and among those who are now incumbents in positions of public trust is James T. Callahan, who is serving as county auditor, making his home in Edwardsville. Illinois claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Alton, December 5, 1895. His father, James Callahan, who was also born in Alton, became an attorney and a newspaper man, connected with the Alton Telegraph. At the time of his death, which occurred in 1925, he was filling the position of clerk of the city court. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Margaret McGinnis, was also a native of Alton.

James T. Callahan attended the parochial and public schools of Alton and on starting out to provide for his own support secured a clerkship with the Peoria & St. Louis Railroad Company. During the World war he entered the service as a member of the Three Hundred and Forty-fifth Infantry at Louisville, Kentucky. Later he was transferred to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he engaged in instruction work with the rank of sergeant. He has since been a member of the American Legion and enjoys association with his old comrades in arms.

Resuming civilian life, Mr. Callahan followed clerical work in connection with various firms until 1928, when he entered the real estate and insurance business in Alton, continuing in that field until he was elected auditor of Madison county and assumed the duties of the office, which he discharges in a most systematic and accurate manner. The democratic party has always found him

an active worker for its candidates and its principles. At the age of twenty-three years he was elected a member of the county central committee and in 1928 became chairman of the Alton city committee to serve until 1936. From 1930 until 1932 he was a member of the executive committee of the county committee and in every possible way he has done everything in his power to further the interests and successes of his party. He served as deputy tax collector of Alton from 1927 until 1929 and since 1920 he has been a delegate to all state conventions. As chairman of the Alton committee he was instrumental in having both Al Smith and Franklin D. Roosevelt speak in his city, and this had much to do with gaining support for the democratic party.

For a number of years Mr. Callahan conducted a column in the Alton Telegraph. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Alton Exchange Club and he is helpfully interested in all that pertains to the progress, prosperity and upbuilding of his community and state.

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### ADOLPH HOWARD EASTER

Adolph Howard Easter, a member of the Chicago bar, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1870, and is a son of August and Sofia (Stoll) Easter. The father was a republican and a Civil war veteran who proudly wore the little bronze button of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Adolph H. Easter attended the country schools in Howard county, Maryland, also a high school of Baltimore and later entered Lake Forest University in Illinois as a law student, winning his LL. B. degree. He likewise pursued a special postgraduate course in the Illinois College of Law and the LL. M. degree was conferred upon him. For thirty years he has been actively connected with the work of the courts, and the thoroughness with which he has always prepared his cases and the care with which he presents his evidence have brought him a substantial measure of success and gained him prominence as a representative of the profession. For ten years he served as master in chancery of the superior court of Cook county, and he was master in chancery in Baltimore in 1912. Mr. Easter has always been a democrat and was precinct captain for a quarter of a century in the old thirty-first ward of Chicago, which is now the sixteenth ward.

On the 10th of June, 1894, in Chicago, Mr. Easter was married to Margaret A. Walsh and they have two children, Gladys M. and Clare R. Mr. Easter is a member of the Iroquois Club, the leading political organization of Chicago that draws its membership from democratic ranks. He likewise belongs to Aquinas Council of the Knights of Columbus, to the Maenner Gesang-Verein Erinnerung, to the Royal League and to the Calvert Club of Chicago. His name is on the membership rolls of the Sons of Veterans and he has served as quartermaster general. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic Church and he is connected with Visitation parish. There are no spectacular phases in his life because of his close and unfaltering devotion to his profession, in which field he has made steady progress.

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### A. F. DILLSAVER

A. F. Dillsaver, acting postmaster of Mount Pulaski, Logan county, has been a member of the democratic county committee for the past fifteen years. He was born in Mount Pulaski, Illinois, in 1882, his parents being John Wesley and Margaret (Muldoon) Dillsaver, also natives of this state. John Wesley Dillsaver, a leader in the local ranks of the democratic party, served as a member of the county committee for several years and was also a member of the county board of supervisors for many years. He was made a candidate for sheriff and would undoubtedly have been chosen for the office had not his death occurred

a few days before the election. Mrs. Margaret Dillsaver, who survives her husband, is still a resident of Mount Pulaski.

A. F. Dillsaver acquired his educational training in the public schools of his native city and subsequently learned the barber trade in a local shop. After a short time he purchased a barber shop of his own, which he conducted successfully for several years. Following in the political footsteps of his father, he became an active democrat and, as above stated, has been a member of the county committee for fifteen years. He served as assessor of Mount Pulaski township for six years, was justice of the peace for seven years and held the office of city treasurer for four years, while for one year he was a member of the school board. He was defeated as a candidate for county coroner in the republican landslide of 1920, when Warren G. Harding was elected president of the United States. On the 1st of July, 1933, Mr. Dillsaver was appointed acting postmaster of Mount Pulaski, a postoffice of the third class, and he has since discharged his duties in this connection in a most efficient and faithful manner. He has been a delegate to practically all state conventions of his party and a visitor to several national conventions.

In 1906 Mr. Dillsaver was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Romer, of Mount Pulaski, Illinois, and they are the parents of a son, John, a student at the University of Illinois. Mr. Dillsaver is an active member of Lincoln Council of the Knights of Columbus and is likewise affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. He enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the community in which his entire life has been spent and is widely recognized as a capable and trustworthy public official.

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#### EMIL AUGUST RAHM

Emil August Rahm, postmaster at Staunton, Macoupin county, was born in Pilot Knob, Missouri, September 10, 1887, a son of Gustav and Caroline (Dettmer) Rahm. The father, a native of Germany, came to the United States at the age of eighteen years and settled at Pilot Knob, Missouri. He served in the Union Army and for many years was a valued and respected citizen of Staunton, Illinois, where he died in 1909.

After attending the public schools Emil A. Rahm completed a course in bookkeeping through the International Correspondence Schools. From 1901 until 1920 he was engaged in mining and he is a member of the United Mine Workers, having served as secretary and treasurer of the local organization from 1920 to 1931. He is now postmaster of Staunton, having been appointed in 1933. In the meantime, however, he had filled various local offices, having served as city treasurer from 1919 until 1921 and again from 1925 until 1927. From 1921 until 1923 he was alderman of Staunton from the fourth ward and he has been fire chief of the city since 1931. He also served one term as precinct committeeman. In community affairs he has taken a deep and helpful interest and his labors have brought about good results.

On the 24th of June, 1909, in St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Rahm was united in marriage to Miss Louise Geiger and they are the parents of a daughter, Norene, now sixteen years of age. Mr. Rahm's social nature finds expression in his membership in the Staunton Country Club and he is identified with the Masonic fraternity, having passed through the Scottish Rite bodies, while in the Mystic Shrine he also holds membership. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran Church.

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#### CHARLES L. JENNINGS

Charles L. Jennings, postmaster of Grayville, where he was born November 22, 1896, is a son of Ernest M. and Mary (Bond) Jennings, well known and representative people of White county, where the father has filled various local offices, serving as alderman, as city clerk and as president of the school board.



At the usual age Charles L. Jennings entered the public schools and in due course of time completed the high school course in Grayville. He next attended Brown's Business College at Jacksonville, Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1916, his training well qualifying him for life's practical and responsible duties.

On the 20th of May, 1920, in Grayville, Illinois, Mr. Jennings was united in marriage to Miss Leona Leathers and they are the parents of a daughter, Rose Mary.

Mr. Jennings is well known through fraternal connections, belonging to the Masonic lodge, the Modern Woodmen of America and the American Legion. He enlisted for service in the Motor Transport Division in the World war on the 7th of December, 1917, and was overseas for fourteen months with Base Section No. 1, receiving his discharge on the 9th of August, 1919.

Mr. Jennings is interested in all that makes for moral uplift and development. Politically he has always been a democrat and in 1924 was called to public office through election to the position of city treasurer of Grayville. He served for one term and in 1926 became township clerk. On the 1st of October, 1933, he was appointed postmaster and is now acting in this capacity. He was selected as a delegate to the national convention in Chicago in 1932 but could not attend. He has, however, attended various county and state conventions and his opinions carry weight in local party councils.

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### JOHN THOMAS DONAHOE

John Thomas Donahoe, who is postmaster at Morris and whose business activities are concentrated on general farming and grain dealing, was born in Vienna township, Grundy county, Illinois, about twelve miles south of Morris, on the 28th of July, 1898, his parents being Peter and Catherine (Walsh) Donahoe. The father has passed away, but the mother is still living, her birth having occurred in Grundy county about seventy-two years ago. Peter Donahoe was born in Bennington, Vermont, and was seventy-eight years of age when he passed on July 21, 1934. He had lived in Grundy county from the age of five years until his death. The representatives of both the Donahoe and Walsh families have been stalwart supporters of the democratic party.

John T. Donahoe became a resident of Morris when two and one-half years of age through the establishment of the family home in this city. Here he attended the parochial schools and the high school, after which he spent one year as a student at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. Later he attended De Paul University in Chicago for a year, taking an advanced business course. When he had completed his education he became a farmer, a general merchant and an oil man in Grundy county, carrying on these lines of business for six years. He still has more than two hundred and fifty acres of land which he carefully and successfully cultivates, devoting his place to general farming and to grain raising. On the 1st of July, 1934, he was made acting postmaster of Morris and the duties of this position now share his time and attention.

On the 25th of October, 1928, Mr. Donahoe was united in marriage to Miss Selma Nelson, a native of Norway, and they are the parents of a daughter, Mary Louisa. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and Mr. Donahoe belongs to the Knights of Columbus. Like his ancestors, he has always followed democratic leadership and for six or eight years has served as precinct committeeman. He was elected county chairman and acted in that capacity until he resigned to become postmaster. He served as a delegate to the state convention in 1930 and as an alternate in 1932 and has attended the conventions for many years. He has thus become widely known to party leaders and has an extensive acquaintance among the representative democrats of Illinois.





JOHN T. DONAHOE



## ARTHUR D. BUNCHMAN

Arthur D. Bunchman, station agent for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway Company at Joppa, where he is also engaged in the insurance business, was born in Massac county, March 27, 1883, a son of Michael and Katherine (Rudolph) Bunchman. Passing through consecutive grades in the public schools, he in time entered the high school at Metropolis and is numbered among its alumni of the class of 1899. Since then he has been active in the business world, making good use of his time and opportunities, and he is today rendering acceptable service as station agent for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway Company at Joppa. He likewise sells insurance and is thoroughly informed concerning its value and benefits. He is industrious and energetic, and the success that has come to him is the direct reward and outcome of his own efforts.

In Metropolis, on the 18th of November, 1904, Mr. Bunchman was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Brenningmeyer and they are the parents of four children: Florence, Floyd, Herbert and Paul. In his political views Mr. Bunchman has been a democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he is serving as treasurer of the town board of Joppa. He has worked consistently for party successes and is now treasurer of the democratic county central committee. At all times he keeps thoroughly informed concerning the questions and issues of the day and believes that democracy will promote the greatest good for the greatest number.

## CARTER PIETSCH

Carter Pietsch, member of the law firm of Pietsch & Fleming in Bloomington, is numbered among the successful attorneys and prominent young citizens of McLean county. He was born near Bloomington, Illinois, April 13, 1899, his parents being Edward C. and Henrietta (Schultz) Pietsch, also natives of this state. The father, a lifelong democrat, was a brewer in the service of the Meyer Brewing Company of Bloomington until the advent of prohibition.

Carter Pietsch acquired his early education as a grade school pupil of Bloomington and continued his studies at Trinity high school of this city. Subsequently he spent three years in the College of Liberal Arts of Illinois Wesleyan University and then entered the College of Law of the same institution from which he was graduated with the LL. B. degree in 1921, being admitted to the Illinois bar the same year. During the period of this country's participation in the World war he was a member of the Students Army Training Corps at Illinois Wesleyan University. He began the general practice of his chosen profession in Bloomington, in association with B. F. Fleming, with whom he has maintained partnership relations since 1930 under the firm style of Pietsch & Fleming. On the 2nd of October, 1933, Mr. Pietsch was appointed liquidator for the Liberty State Bank of Bloomington, the Hudson State Bank of Hudson, the Farmers State Bank of Downs, the Exchange State Bank of Bellflower and the Saybrook Bank of Saybrook, Illinois. The same year he declined appointment as alternate member of the board of review of Walter Hines Hospital because of the demands of his duties as bank liquidator.

On the 17th of June, 1933, Mr. Pietsch was united in marriage to Winifred Bruce, of El Paso, Woodford county, Illinois. Politically he has always been a stalwart supporter of the democratic party and has taken an active part in its campaigns. He was appointed United States conciliation commissioner for McLean county, Illinois, by Judges Charles G. Briggie and J. Earl Major of the United States district court on July 23, 1934. He is a member of the American Legion and has served as judge advocate of Carl Martin Post of Normal, Illinois, for several terms. Along strictly professional lines he has membership in the McLean County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association. He also belongs to the Young Men's Club of Bloomington, and

the salient traits of his character are such as have won him an extensive circle of warm friends throughout the community in which he has always lived.

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#### MRS. THERESA (McCORMICK) HORNICKEL

Mrs. Theresa (McCormick) Hornickel, who is chairman of the democratic women's organization at Strawn, Livingston county, was born in the town where she still resides, her parents being James and Jane Isabelle (Conley) McCormick. At the time of her birth her father was engaged in farming and after he retired from agricultural pursuits he conducted business in Kangley, Illinois, where he remained for about ten years. He then returned to Strawn, where he passed away in July, 1913, his widow surviving until October, 1921.

Their daughter Theresa obtained her early education in the grade schools of Strawn and afterward attended high school in Streator. Following her graduation therefrom she took up the profession of teaching, which she followed for six years in Kangley, and later she taught for one year in Sibley, Illinois. In 1903 she became the wife of J. B. Welliver, of Clyde, Ohio, and to them was born a daughter, Elizabeth Frances, who became the wife of Charles J. Arrigo and lives in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Arrigo have two children, Cornetta Theresa and Mary Frances. Mr. Welliver died in Chicago in December, 1915, and after more than two years of widowhood Mrs. Welliver, in February, 1918, became the wife of Frederick Hornickel, of Strawn, who died eight months after their marriage.

Mrs. Hornickel has always been a believer in democratic principles and cast her first presidential vote for Woodrow Wilson in 1912. She comes of an old-line democratic family, and long before women were given the right of franchise she was an active worker for the party. She has the distinction of being the first woman elected at the polls to serve as committeeman and has since acted in that capacity, being now county chairman of the Womans' Organization, and under her guidance the party work is being carried forward most effectively. She was formerly a school director and she has done much organization work of various kinds. In 1932 she was county chairman of the Livingston County Womans Organization and also in 1934. On September 15, 1933, she was appointed by Governor Horner as parole agent for the fifth district. She belongs to St. Rose's Catholic Church of Strawn and is a charter member of the Royal Neighbors, in which she was oracle for about twelve years. She has been a business woman most of her life and her contact with the public eminently qualifies her for the important place which she occupies in party ranks. She is a woman of keen insight and broad vision and her labors are most effectively directed, bringing about results greatly to be desired.

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#### OLLIE C. TRAIL

Ollie C. Trail, secretary to the Hon. Claude V. Parsons and a well known resident of Goleonda, was born in Livingston county, Kentucky, December 2, 1892, his parents being Matt and Ada (Scott) Trail. Reared in his native state, he continued his education in the schools of Livingston until he had completed the high school course by graduation with the class of 1911. He became a resident of Goleonda, Illinois, in 1913 and has here given his attention to the insurance business, conducting an agency wherein he has gained a liberal patronage.

In 1912, in Smithtown, Kentucky, Mr. Trail was married to Mamie Kerr and they are the parents of four children: Ada, Trice, Robert and Woodrow.

Fraternally Mr. Trail is an Odd Fellow and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Church. His interest in community welfare is indicated in his connection with the Rotary Club of Goleonda, of which he is the president, and as such he follows progressive procedure in working for the welfare and benefits of the community. The democratic party has always received his en-



dorsement and he has been an active worker in its ranks for a long period. Since 1927 he has served as mayor of his town and he is also the secretary to the Hon. Claude V. Parsons, for whom he likewise acts as field manager. He has a very wide acquaintance among the representatives of democracy in this part of the state and he has done efficient work in promoting the party organization and in securing victories for its candidates.

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#### LAURENCE TANGNEY

Laurence Tangney, who is assistant manager of the Illinois Employment Office in Decatur, is descended from strong democratic stock and ranks among the most active and devoted members of Illinois Democracy. He is a native of Decatur, Macon county, and his birth occurred on the 6th of August, 1899. He is a son of Maurice J. and Mary R. (Howell) Tangney, both of whom were born in Illinois, their families having come to the United States from Ireland and settled in Illinois in an early day. Both of Mr. Tangney's grandfathers, paternal and maternal, were soldiers in the volunteer infantry of Illinois during the Civil war. Maurice J. Tangney was a contractor and a leading democrat. He served as a precinct committeeman for thirty years, and for four years was chairman of the Macon County Democratic Central Committee. He attended many state, congressional and judicial conventions. His death occurred in February, 1928, while his wife died in June, 1919.

Laurence Tangney went through the grade schools and high school in Decatur, and then on March 27, 1917 enlisted in Company L of the Fifth Illinois Infantry. On April 6, 1917, he was transferred to the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Machine Gun Battalion, of the Thirty-third Division, and with this command went overseas. He was engaged in the actions at St. Mihiel, Forges and on the Albers front. He received his honorable discharge from the army May 30, 1919.

Mr. Tangney returned to Illinois and for four years was engaged in the dairy business. From 1923 to 1933, he was in contracting activities, then in August of the latter year he was appointed assistant manager of the Illinois Employment Office in Decatur. He has been intimately concerned with political affairs since he reached voting age. He was a committeeman for six years, and attends all state, congressional and judicial conventions. In 1934, he received the democratic nomination for clerk of Macon county.

In the year 1919, occurred the marriage of Mr. Tangney and Miss Gladys Moore, a native of DeWitt county, Illinois. Mrs. Tangney also is prominent in democratic circles, also is a member of the Macon County Women's Democratic Club and one of the executive committee. Mr. and Mrs. Tangney are the parents of three children: Laurence, Jr., Robert R., and William Moore Tangney, whose ages are respectively (1934) fourteen, nine and seven years.

Mr. Tangney belongs to the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, being very active in the latter.

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#### CLASON W. BLACK

Clason W. Black, serving as postmaster of Clay City, was born in Sailor Springs, Illinois, November 17, 1880, his parents being Frederick R. and Dora (Winkler) Black. The former was a son of Dr. Milo Black, who devoted his life to the practice of medicine and surgery and who served as a surgeon at Camp Dennison, Ohio, during the Civil war.

Clason W. Black attended the public schools of Clay City until he had completed the work of the grades and a three-year high school course. When twenty-three years of age he formed a partnership with A. H. Duff for the purpose of conducting a general store in Clay City and for a period of twenty years they successfully carried on the business. At the end of that time Mr. Black was joined by W. B. Hopkins in the glass cutting business, in which he continued until December, 1933. He is also interested in farming and owns

a well improved tract of land near Clay City. As a business man he has ever displayed marked enterprise, energy, determination and reliability, and these qualities have brought to him a substantial measure of success.

On the 2d of August, 1903, in Clay City, Illinois, Mr. Black was united in marriage to Miss Adria Hopkins and they are the parents of three children: Leolia, Charles F. and John L. Fraternally Mr. Black is a Mason and an Odd Fellow and gives loyal support to these organizations, believing firmly in their basic principle of the brotherhood of man. Always a democrat, he is vice president of the Clay County Jeffersonian Club. He has served as clerk of his township and as a member of the village board of Clay City, and he was appointed postmaster of the town on the 16th of January, 1934. His interest in community welfare has been manifest in many tangible ways and his co-operation can always be counted upon to further any measure or movement for the general good.

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### MRS. BEATRICE JAMES DORSEY

Mrs. Beatrice James Dorsey, county chairwoman for the democratic women of Kane county, makes her home at 216 North Commonwealth avenue in Elgin, and at present is serving as librarian in the Elgin State Hospital. During the summer of 1934, she was honorary hostess at the Illinois House at A Century of Progress in Chicago. Mrs. Dorsey is a daughter of John J. and Marietta (McGrath) James, who are natives of Kane county, Illinois, where her father is engaged in the grocery business. The family numbers two children, Mrs. Beatrice Dorsey and John J., Jr., both of whom were born in Elgin.

Beatrice James attended the public schools here and was graduated from high school with the class of 1921. She then studied in the Ellis Business College of Elgin for one term, then six months at Hull House in Chicago, and then continued her education in the University of Southern California. Later she accepted a position of secretary to Edward Harsha of Chicago, with whom she remained for two years. On the 19th of August, 1925, she became the wife of James Dorsey, Jr., and they are now the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann. Mr. Dorsey is engaged in the real estate business in Elgin, and both he and his wife are active supporters of the democratic party.

In the primaries of 1932, Mrs. Dorsey became a helpful worker in democratic circles and was elected president of the Elgin Democratic Women's Organization. She rendered excellent service in that connection and in 1933 was made district chairman of the eleventh district, which position she resigned in May, 1934. Her effective work for the party won recognition in 1933, when Governor Horner appointed her an honorary hostess for the Illinois House at A Century of Progress, and to this position she was reappointed in 1934. She served as a delegate to the judicial convention when Judge Shaw and Allaben were nominated, and she was a delegate to the state convention in 1934. She likewise acted as a delegate at Galesburg to the Young People's Democratic Association being one of the two sent from Kane county. In October, 1934, she was appointed county chairwoman, which position she still holds. Mrs. Dorsey was in charge of the headquarters for the national election in 1932, also the judicial election in 1933, the primary election in 1934 and the general election in 1934. She is one of the most active democratic women in the state and county and her work is most highly attested and appreciated by party leaders.

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### JOHN RANDOLPH PARKER

John Randolph Parker, treasurer of the Logan County Abstract Company of Lincoln, Illinois, has filled the office of circuit clerk since January, 1933. He was born in Lincoln, this state, November 22, 1905, his parents being Lynn R. and Edith (McCaun) Parker, who are also natives of Illinois, the

latter born in Clark county. Lynn R. Parker, the president of the Logan County Abstract Company, has long figured prominently in politics as a democratic leader in his community. He served as circuit clerk of Logan county for two terms and was a member of the democratic county committee for several years.

John R. Parker attended the public schools of Lincoln until graduated from the high school here in 1924, while subsequently he spent three years as a student in the College of Liberal Arts of the University of Illinois. He was active in the promotion of athletics at the university, and he was one of the organizers of the Logan Illini Club, composed of students of the University of Illinois. When his educational training was completed he entered the office of the Lynn R. Parker Abstract Company which was soon afterward incorporated as the Logan County Abstract Company and with which he has been officially connected as treasurer to the present time. He also served as manager of the Lynn R. Parker Insurance Agency until assuming the duties of clerk of the circuit court in January, 1933. In the previous November election he had run far ahead of the democratic ticket in Logan county, leading both Franklin D. Roosevelt and Henry Horner by about five hundred votes. Mr. Parker attended the democratic state convention at Springfield in 1932 and was a delegate to the district convention which named Lott R. Herrick a candidate for justice of the Illinois supreme court. He made a creditable record as city collector of Lincoln during the administration of Judge Peter Murphy as mayor.

On the 18th of October, 1930, Mr. Parker married Miss Dorothy M. Moore, of Lincoln, Illinois. He is a member of the Greek letter fraternity Psi Epsilon and is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while his religious faith is that of the Episcopal Church. He is likewise a valued member of the Rotary Club of Lincoln and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance as one of the popular and prominent young native sons of the city.

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#### JOHN B. HARRIS

Active in political leadership since 1908, John B. Harris has held office in the line of his profession at various times and is now assistant attorney general. He makes his home in Granite City and is a native of Dorsey, Madison county, Illinois, his birth having there occurred November 22, 1880. His parents were John S. and Catherine S. (Keefe) Harris, the former a native of St. Charles county, Missouri, and the latter of St. Louis. John S. Harris was reared, however, in Alton, Illinois, and became a school teacher and farmer. He also gave his political allegiance to the democratic party.

After attending the rural schools of Madison county and the high school at Bunker Hill, Illinois, John B. Harris studied law in the office of Judge David E. Keefe, his uncle, who lived at East St. Louis and was an active democratic leader there. After a thorough preliminary course Mr. Harris was admitted to the bar on the 11th of December, 1907, and opened an office in Granite City on the 1st of March, 1908. Here he has since remained, engaging in the general practice of law, and from the beginning his progress has continued, carrying him further and further along the road to success and prominence. He is a member of the Tri City and Madison County Bar Associations, of both of which he has served as president, and he enjoys the fullest regard of his colleagues and contemporaries in the profession because of his close conformity to the highest ethics of legal practice.

Mr. Harris has been an acknowledged leader in democratic circles since 1908, when he became secretary of the local democratic club. Through all the intervening years to the present he has been active in every campaign and is in demand as a speaker, at all times presenting his cause clearly and forcefully,



while the recognized logic of the lawyer has won many supporters for the democratic party. He served as a member of the county central committee from 1910 until 1934 and was county chairman from 1928 until 1930. He has also been a member of the executive committee for many years. In 1912 he took a very active part in the campaign when Woodrow Wilson was presidential nominee, being secretary of the Young Men's Democratic Club, and he was president of the Granite City Roosevelt-Garner Club in 1932. For the past twenty years he has been a delegate to all the state conventions and his opinions carry weight in the councils of the party, while his sound judgment has been a strong factor in directing democratic activities along the most liberal lines.

From 1919 until 1921 he occupied the position of city attorney of Granite City and in 1921 was appointed corporation counsel, in which capacity he served until 1923. Previously, from 1915 until 1919, he had been attorney for the East Side Levee and Sanitary District and served from 1925 until 1933 as attorney for the village of Nameoki, and from 1928 until 1933 also acted as attorney for the board of local improvements in Granite City. When he was corporation counsel the large outlet sewer project was completed. In March, 1933, he was appointed assistant attorney general of Illinois under Otto Kerner and is rendering most acceptable service in that position.

On the 29th of June, 1910, Mr. Harris was married to Miss Grace G. Grote, of East St. Louis, and their children are eight in number, as follows: John B.; Jr., Genevieve G., Mary Frances, Paul V., William N., Thomas A., Margaret E. and Justine A.

Mr. Harris is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and is a past grand knight of the council in Granite City, while for ten years he was faithful navigator of the fourth degree assembly. He belongs also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and his interest in community welfare is shown by his efficient service in the Granite City Commercial Club, in which he was active for many years, filling the office of chairman of its committee which was successful in establishing a park district and acquiring Wilson Park for the city. Any project which tends to promote civic welfare and civic betterment receives his endorsement, and his aid is always given on the side of progress and improvement.

### JOHN VINCENT McCARTHY

John Vincent McCarthy, one of the leading Democrats of northern Illinois, was referred to by Lieutenant Governor Donovan in a speech made in the November, 1934 campaign, as the "most loved citizen in Will county." In a business way he has been at the head of large affairs, but at no time has he been too busy to refuse to contribute generously of his time and money, to the welfare of those in need, and has been most untiring in his efforts in behalf of the Democratic party of Illinois.

John V. McCarthy was born July 18, 1888, a son of Edward John and Mina (Fitzgerald) McCarthy, both of whom were prominent socially and politically in Will county. After graduating from the Chicago public schools, Mr. McCarthy took a course of engineering at the Lewis Institute of that city, and later took the courses in farm management, soil, and poultry husbandry, from Columbia university, New York City.

After completing his education, Mr. McCarthy engaged in contracting and, at the present time, is president of the John V. McCarthy Paving Company of Joliet. He also operates one of the leading dairy farms of Illinois, known as the Dupage River Farm, and his herd of pure-bred Holsteins are famous throughout dairy circles.

In the city of Joliet, Illinois, December 28, 1915, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. McCarthy and Mary Zita Dillon, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in





JOHN V. McCARTHY



this volume. To this union have been born five children, as follows: Mary Zita, president of the freshman class at St. Mary's college, Notre Dame, Indiana; Edward John, a junior student at Campion Academy, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin; Dorothy Ann, and Catherine Janet, grammar school students in Joliet; and John V., Jr., the youngest of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy are members of St. Patrick's church of Joliet, and are prominent in the social life of their home city. Mr. McCarthy is a member of the Elks, Eagles, and Knights of Columbus and, likewise, belongs to the Road Constructor's Association, and the Chamber of Commerce of Joliet.

Politically, as stated above, he has been extremely active in the democratic party, and was manager of the Horner campaign in Will county in 1932. He is at present, serving as a member of the patronage board, and was chairman of the patronage board of Will county (1932-1934). In the fall campaign of 1934, Mr. McCarthy was a candidate of his party for state senator from his district and, as evidence of his popularity, carried his home county by 1,300 majority over the republican veteran, Senator Richard J. Barr, who has represented this district for many years. However, Du Page county, which is normally overwhelmingly republican, gave Senator Barr enough of a lead to make him the winner in the senatorial contest. Mr. McCarthy has ever been a leader in business and party affairs, and it is to be regretted that more men of his calibre do not interest themselves in politics.

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#### MARY ZITA MCCARTHY (MRS. JOHN V.)

One of the most outstanding women in the ranks of Illinois Democracy is Mrs. Mary Zita McCarthy, of Joliet, Illinois, who is chairwoman of the Democratic Women's Organization of Will county and who has, in many avenues mentioned later, been one of the most enthusiastic supporters of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the state. Likewise in the social, cultural, educational and business affairs of her home city and state she has been a real leader, one who has given sincere effort to many things of important bearing on the welfare of the community.

Mary Zita Dillon was born June 16, 1890, in Joliet, Illinois, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann (Dunn) Dillon, both of whom have been lifelong democrats and are now living, at the respective ages of seventy-five and seventy-three. Thomas Dillon was a charter member of the Jeffersonian Club of Will county. His uncle, Patrick Dolan, was killed in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain during the Civil war.

Mary Zita McCarthy graduated from the Sheridan school, a part of the Joliet public school system, then graduated from the Joliet township high school in 1906 and from the Joliet Training School for Teachers in 1907. She specialized and prepared herself for primary teaching and thereafter taught for eight and a half years in the Joliet city schools. During all these years she was intensely interested in public and political questions and was inspired with the desire to take a part in the interesting activities around her. Her position as chairwoman of the Democratic Women's Organization of Will county is just one proof of her excellent success. The policies and purposes of Franklin D. Roosevelt as president appealed to her strongly, and after her return from his inauguration in Washington, D. C. she founded and organized the Franklin D. Roosevelt Club of Will county, and obtained a charter in April, 1933. She gave many radio broadcasts in support of President Roosevelt and his beliefs, and on August 20, 1933, her club had the largest outdoor picnic and meeting ever held in Will county. The meeting place was at Dupage River Farms and there were over fifteen thousand people in attendance. On this occasion an effort was made to sell the NRA, several speeches being made by prominent men in its support. Mrs. McCarthy was appointed to take charge of the Birthday Banquet for the President on January 30, 1934, and she was present with the rest of the national committee at the White House on May 9, 1934, for the presentation of the Warm Springs Founda-

tion check to President Roosevelt. She has been invited to take the chairmanship for this committee for 1935. As chairwoman of the Democratic Women's Organization of Will County, Mrs. McCarthy has organized eighty-eight precinct women, which is of much significance in the story of the rise of democracy in the last three years. Too much credit cannot be given to Mrs. McCarthy's loyal work in behalf of the organization which she created and of its benefit to the party. She has attended many democratic conventions, farmers' conventions in the 1932 campaign. Throughout the state of Illinois she spoke to numerous farmers' gatherings in support of Governor Horner and President Roosevelt. Teachers' conventions have also had the benefit of Mrs. McCarthy's presence and help, and altogether she has never missed an opportunity to extend her cooperation to the work.

For a number of years Mrs. McCarthy was a sustaining member of the Joliet Musical Association. She is president of the St. Camillus Association of Will county, which is a charitable organization which cares for nine county institutions at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, also supplying musical and educational programs monthly in these institutions. She is chairman of the Junior League, and secretary of the garden department of the Catholic Woman's League. Business matters claim much of Mrs. McCarthy's attention also, as she has had the business administration of a five hundred and forty-five acre dairy farm, known for six years as the Dupage River Farms, where pure-bred Holstein cattle are raised.

In Joliet, Illinois, on the 28th of December, 1915, Mary Zita Dillon was united in marriage to John V. McCarthy, and to them have been born the following children: Mary Zita, who is studying in St. Mary's College at Notre Dame, Indiana; Edward John, a student of Campion Academy in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin; Dorothy Ann and Catherine Janet, pupils in the Joliet public schools; and John V., Jr.

Mrs. McCarthy is a member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Joliet and belongs to all of the women's societies connected with this church.

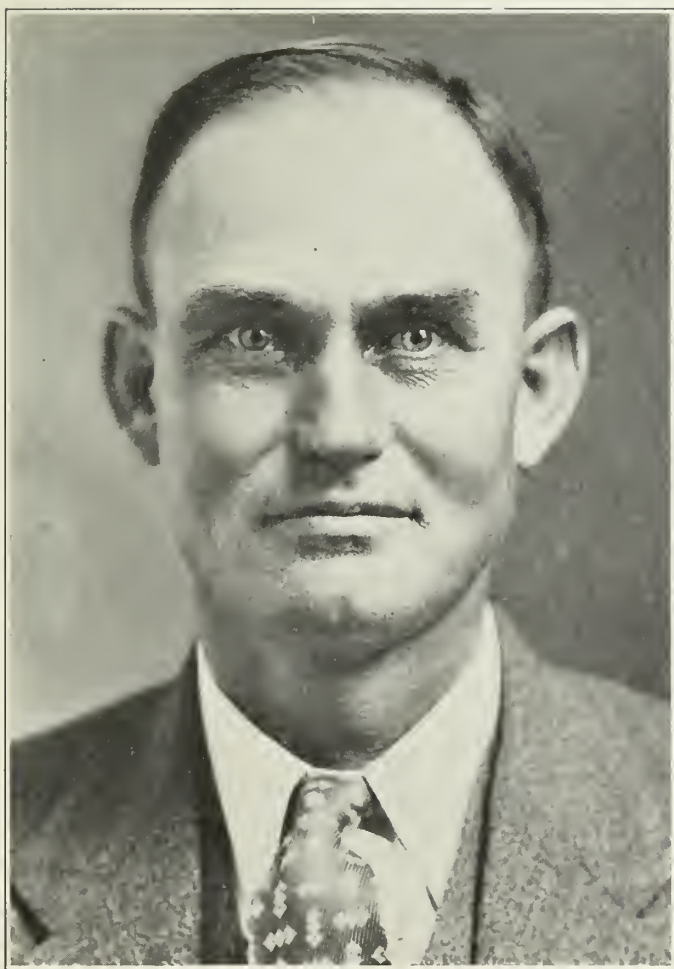
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### EVANS STOKES

Evans Stokes, who is highway maintenance supervisor over a district comprising six counties, makes his home at Anna, Union county. His birth here occurred on the 25th of March, 1889, and he is a son of John F. and Etta (Ferguson) Stokes. His father has been a lifelong democrat, and his grandfather in the paternal line was equally loyal to the party and served as a captain in the Confederate Army during the Civil war.

Evans Stokes attended the public schools until he had completed the work of the eighth grade. He has always remained at home with his parents and in 1918, at the age of twenty-nine years, he enlisted for service in the World war, spending a year in training at Camp Grant, after which he received his discharge in 1919 owing to the cessation of hostilities. He belongs to the American Legion and thus maintains pleasant relations with those who, like himself, wore the khaki uniform of the American troops. He is now president of the State Employees Democratic Association. He has voted the democratic ticket since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he has been made a precinct committeeman, which office he is filling at the present time. Recognition of his faithfulness to the party and his ability for the work led to his appointment on the 28th of January, 1933, to the office of supervisor of highway maintenance in a district that comprises six counties, and he is giving excellent account of his stewardship in this connection, discharging his duties in a prompt, systematic and faithful manner. He has attended all of the county and state conventions since he reached the age of twenty-one years and is unfaltering in his allegiance to the party organization. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons.





EVANS STOKES



## FREDERICK JOHN KERN

Kern, Frederick John, journalist and congressman, was born at Millstadt, St. Clair county, Illinois, September 2, 1864, son of Henry Lorenz and Katharina Eva (Engler) Kern, and grandson of John H. Kern and Mary Schaefer Kern. His grandparents came from Nordenstadt, Nassau, Germany, to St. Clair county in 1835. Fred J. Kern was educated at the Millstadt public and parochial schools. He early worked on farms, as a miller's apprentice, in the coal mines at Belleville, Illinois, and as a grocery clerk in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1884 he went to Gurdon, Arkansas, where he worked for a year in various lumber camps and mills. He then returned to Millstadt, and, receiving a scholarship, attended Illinois State Normal University during 1885-86 and 1887-88. He taught at various times at the Bohleyville, Hoepfinger and Engelmann township schools in St. Clair county during 1886-90, remaining three years at the latter school. In 1890 he entered journalism as editor of the East St. Louis "Gazette" at East St. Louis, Illinois. In 1891 he purchased, in association with Fred L. Kraft, the "Belleville News-Democrat" from the Southern Illinois Publishing Company. Mr. Kraft withdrew in the next year, and Mr. Kern served as publisher, editor and sole owner until his death. Under his leadership the "Belleville News-Democrat" became the only democratic daily in Illinois, south of Springfield, having a paid-up circulation of 10,000. The plant was equipped with a twenty-four page duplex tubular perfecting press with the capacity of printing 36,000 finished newspapers per hour, and with five of the most modern linotype machines. In addition an elaborate job printing auxiliary business was run in connection with the newspaper. Aside from this major interest, Mr. Kern early became active in democratic politics. In 1892 he served as chief enrolling and engrossing clerk of the Illinois State Senate. He was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress in 1898, but was elected to the 57th congress for the term, 1901-03. As congressman he advocated Philippine independence, the placing of rural free delivery mail carriers on a salary basis, instead of having them bid for their jobs, the restoration of the U. S. army canteens, and Chinese exclusion.

Mr. Kern was defeated for re-election in 1902. He then served five terms as mayor of Belleville during 1903-13. As mayor he established a hygienic water supply, installed a sewer system, paved streets, constructed sidewalks, placed the fire and police departments on a salaried basis, and greatly extended the city limits. During a dire smallpox epidemic, he established free inoculation and an isolation hospital, the latter becoming a permanent feature of the city's health department. During his mayoralty, Belleville became a modern, progressive city. Mr. Kern was a delegate to the democratic national convention of 1904, 1908 and 1912. He was appointed by Governor Dunne as president of the Illinois state board of Administration in 1913, and continued in this office until the board was abolished by Governor Lowden in 1917. As state administrator, he had charge of the management and purchasing of supplies of twenty-one state eleemosynary institutions and the housing and feeding of 21,000 inmates. For employes in the various institutions, he established an eight hour day and a six day week, and for the inmates he evolved more humane rules for their care and betterment. From 1918, Mr. Kern occupied no public office and devoted all his time to his newspaper work. He was a fearless, outspoken champion of humanity, versatile, bold, combative, resourceful, and a genuinely able editor of the old school, who had a command of forceful rhetoric and vivid editorial expression that made the "Belleville Daily News-Democrat" an outstanding, individual and unique newspaper. The editorial policies that his paper expressed against graft, corruption and faithless public officials, and in an unceasing attack upon the 18th amendment and the Volstead and Search and Seizure Acts, won for Mr. Kern a reputation as a liberal, far beyond the confines of his state. Personally he possessed great mental, moral and physical strength, a vivid, dynamic and commanding personality, and outstanding abilities as a powerful reasoner and writer. He was friendly, considerate, modest, and an enthusiastic, inspiring and untiring

worker who won the respect and love of all his associates. He owned an exceedingly large library, and was authoritatively read in divers fields. He was married July 23, 1893 to Alma Fredericka, daughter of Louis and Catherine (Koob) Eidman of Engelmann township, and had three sons, Alfred E. Kern, who passed away February 4, 1926; Robert L. Kern, present editor and publisher of the Belleville Daily News-Democrat, who married Miss Elsie A. Schrodi of Belleville and has one son, Fred J. Kern II; and Richard Peter Kern, associate editor, News-Democrat, at home. Mr. Fred J. Kern passed away in Belleville, Illinois, November 9, 1931.

### ROBERT LOUIS KERN

Robert Louis Kern, editor and publisher of the Belleville Daily News-Democrat, the only democratic daily in the state of Illinois south of Springfield, was born April 19, 1904, in Belleville, Illinois. His father, Hon. Frederick J. Kern, was, for many years, one of the most distinguished journalists of the state, and represented the district in the fifty-seventh congress. A complete record of Frederick J. Kern will be found elsewhere in this volume.

Robert Louis Kern was educated in the Belleville public schools, and early became associated with his father in the publishing of the Belleville Daily News-Democrat, of which he is editor and publisher at the present time.

Like his father, he has always been a staunch Jeffersonian democrat, and he is now serving as precinct committeeman from Belleville, and as secretary of the St. Clair County Democratic Central Committee. As a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Chicago, in 1932, he was one of Illinois' fifteen original Roosevelt delegates, and was active on the convention floor as key man in behalf of the candidacy of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mr. Kern was united in marriage July 19, 1930 in Belleville, Illinois, with Miss Elsie Ann Schrodi, and they are the parents of one child, Fred J. Kern (II).

### JUDGE HAROLD T. GARVEY

The Honorable Harold T. Garvey, judge of the county court of Hancock county, Illinois, until December, 1934, was born in Elvaston, Illinois, August 8, 1900.

Thomas Garvey—the father of Judge Garvey, and son of John and Margaret Garvey—was born near Blandinsville, McDonough county, Illinois, May 3, 1863, and passed away at his home in Elvaston, Illinois, on January 10, 1933. He was in the employ of the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad Company for a period of 42 years, occupying the position of track foreman at Elvaston for 38 years. He became the organizer and served until the time of his death as general chairman of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes on the Toledo, Peoria and Western. Born of a lineage staunch in Democracy, the unfaltering support of Thomas Garvey was always given to the democratic party from the time that he was old enough to vote. In 1908, Thomas Garvey became precinct committeeman, and served on the Democratic County Central Committee of Hancock county from that time until 1920. From 1912 until 1920, and, thus, during both of the successful Woodrow Wilson campaigns, Mr. Garvey was chairman of the Hancock County Democratic Central Committee. He returned as precinct committeeman in 1924; was again elected county chairman, voluntarily withdrawing from this position in 1926, but continuing as a member of the committee until 1928. From time to time he attended the state conventions of the party, and in all ways did everything in his power to advance the political principles in which he so staunchly believed. During the last fifteen years of his life, a large part of his time was concentrated upon his work with the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes. He was, however, most loyal to any cause which he espoused. For many years he was one of the efficient trustees of



the LaGrange College, at LaGrange, Missouri. He was active in Masonry, several times the Master of Elvaston Lodge, No. 715, A. F. & A. M., faithfully adhering to the teachings and tenets of the craft. Mr. Garvey was also a co-founder and charter member of the Elvaston Baptist Church, serving as a member of its board of deacons, as Sunday School superintendent for 25 years, and for several terms holding the office of Moderator of the Salem Baptist Association. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Della Pennington, was born near Industry, McDonough county, Illinois, September 2, 1867, and still lives at Elvaston, Illinois. She is a daughter of James Newell and Nancy E. (Comer) Pennington, both natives of McDonough county. James N. Pennington was a life-long democrat and came of a family that always staunchly supported that party. To Thomas and Della (Pennington) Garvey were born five children: Frank L., who died November 29, 1903, at the age of 16; Pearl, who married Arthur F. Wormley and resides in Oswego, Kendall county, Illinois; John E., who is ticket and passenger agent for the Wabash Railway Company in Springfield; Crystal, the wife of Earl R. Grauf, of Elvaston, Illinois; and Harold T.

The last-named pursued his elementary education in the Elvaston public schools, and subsequently entered Carthage high school, and then the Carthage College Academy. From the last-named institution, he was graduated in 1918. In 1920, he matriculated in the colleges of Arts, Literature and Science of the University of Chicago, which conferred the degree of Ph.B. upon him in 1923. He continued there to study law, and received the degree of Doctor of Law in 1926. After continuing in Chicago for a short period after his graduation, Judge Garvey practiced law in Nauvoo, Illinois in 1928; and, in January, 1929, he moved his office to Carthage. His practice grew steadily in volume and importance, and in 1930 he was called upon for judicial service, being elected judge of the county court on the democratic ticket. This position he occupied until December 3, 1934; and during the period made an excellent record for fairness, impartiality, and the breadth of his judicial wisdom. He also presided in the Chicago courts as a visiting judge during this time.

On September 17, 1932, Judge Garvey was married to Miss Marjorie E. Julian, the daughter of W. J. and Ary (Wilkin) Julian, of Charles City, Iowa—the ceremony having been performed at the historic “Little Brown Church, near the home of the bride.

On September 25, 1934, Judge Garvey was appointed to the important position of Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board for the district embracing the entire states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, the southern half of Iowa, and all of his native Illinois south of Springfield and Macomb. In these duties, Judge Garvey's principal office is in St. Louis, with a branch office in Kansas City. Judge and Mrs. Garvey moved to Webster Groves, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis, on December 1, 1934, but still maintain their home in Carthage, Illinois.

Such, briefly, is the outline of Judge Garvey's career, but there are incidents which show the trend of his development and the forces underlying his nature. In his boyhood he learned telegraphy at Elvaston and while attending the University of Chicago he worked for six years in the relay telegraph office of the New York Central Lines in the La Salle street depot, Chicago. The determination that carried him forward is manifest in all that he does and he never stops short of the fulfillment of his purposes. Judge Garvey is a member of the past Judge-Advocate of the Hancock county organization of the American Legion, in the affairs of which he has been very active. His college fraternity is Gamma Eta Gamma. While in Carthage, he was a member of the National Research Forum, resigning his membership when he left, that someone else might derive its educational benefits. Fraternally, Judge Garvey is an Odd Fellow; and a Mason, belonging to Elvaston Lodge, No. 715, A. F. & A. M.—which he has served as its secretary and in other chairs—and also to the Royal Arch Chapter and the Knights Templar Commandery at Carthage.

Judge Garvey's political activities in behalf of the democratic party have by no means been confined to his own successful campaign of 1930. Having been reared in an environment in which the cause of the party was constantly being espoused, he became an untiring worker for democracy several years before he first voted, and has ever continued in these activities.

### FRANK M. SUMMERS

Frank M. Summers, of East St. Louis, who is filling the office of assistant state's attorney, was born in Mount Carmel, Illinois, August 13, 1893. His father, Archibald L. Summers, was a native of St. Louis, Missouri, and became a steamfitter, which business he followed as a life work. He also took an active part in public affairs. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Lucas, was a native of Marion, Illinois.

Frank M. Summers attended the public schools of Marion, this state, and of Bloomington, Indiana, where he completed his high school course. He next entered Indiana University and won his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1915. For a year and a half he studied in the Harvard Law School and then entered the United States Army as a member of the Eight Hundred and Third Infantry but later was transferred to the Eight Hundred and Ninth Infantry. He was on duty at Camp Grant, Illinois, and was discharged with the rank of sergeant. He then resumed his preparation for a professional career, completing a course of study in the Chicago-Kent College of Law, which conferred upon him the LL. B. degree in 1922. During the time he was a student there he served as librarian in the office of the corporation counsel of the city of Chicago and after finishing his studies he became a member of its staff, occupying that position for four years. For two years he engaged in the private practice of law in Chicago and Peoria, and while residing in the latter city was also active in military circles, becoming captain of Company M, Machine Gun Company of the Third Battalion, and he is now a captain in the United States Reserves.

In 1926 Mr. Summers came to East St. Louis, where he engaged in private law practice, and in 1932 he was appointed assistant state's attorney of St. Clair county. He has always supported the democratic party since attaining his majority and throughout the intervening period to the present has been an active worker in its ranks.

In August, 1930, Mr. Summers was united in marriage to Katherine Dent, of Peoria, Illinois, and they are the parents of a daughter, Katherine. Mrs. Summers belongs to the Women's Federated Clubs. Mr. Summers is a member of the American Legion, in the work of which he is very active. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge, of which he is a past master, and he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in East St. Louis. He also belongs to the Elks lodge and to the Kappa Alpha Psi. His political work covers service on the executive committee of the down-state democratic organization and he is a member of the executive committee of the Paramount Democratic Club of St. Clair county. In 1928 he was made a delegate to the state convention of his party and at each succeeding convention has been a delegate. He made the nominating speech for Judge Paul Farthing in the judicial convention held in Mount Vernon. He has ever fully recognized the duties and obligations of citizenship and works for the best interests of government, whether local, state or national. However, the practice of law is his real life work and he has secured a good clientele. He was admitted to practice in the third United States district courts and the state supreme court, and he is a member of the Mound City Bar Association and the American Bar Association.



FRANK M. SUMMERS





## JAMES E. McMACKIN

James E. McMackin, of Salem, has been active in framing the laws of the commonwealth through four terms in the legislature and is now serving as investigator of securities in the state treasurer's office in Springfield, to which position he was appointed in 1932. He is a familiar figure in the conventions of his party and is recognized as one of the leaders of democracy in his section of the state.

Born in Marion county, Illinois, James E. "Whoopy" McMackin is a son of James Bradshaw and Amanda E. (Clark) McMackin. The latter, a native of Alabama, accompanied her parents to Marion county, Illinois, in 1865, when nine years of age. James B. McMackin was born in Wayne county, Illinois, where his people had settled at an early day, coming to this state from Kentucky. He afterward removed to Marion county, where he lived for a short time and then spent ten years in the west, driving a stage coach. It was during that decade that he saw Custer make his last stand when fighting the Indians on the frontier. Returning to Marion county, James B. McMackin was married and afterward conducted a butcher shop in Salem for more than forty years. He was a staunch democrat and active church worker and always voted the straight ticket. For one term he served as deputy sheriff of his county. He died in 1916, while his wife survived until February, 1934.

James E. McMackin is a product of the grammar and high schools of Salem and after putting aside his textbooks he played ball with various leagues in the country for ten years, when an injury to his foot caused him to withdraw from activities of that character. Returning to Salem, he was employed by Charles McMackin in the furniture and undertaking business and later he became a brakeman on the Illinois Central Railroad, working in that way for only a brief time, however. In 1902 he opened a hardware business on his own account in Salem and afterward added an undertaking department, continuing both branches of the business until 1926, when he sold out.

On the 1st of May, 1902, Mr. McMackin was united in marriage to Miss Martha Tweed, a daughter of W. J. Tweed, a representative of a pioneer family of Marion county. The children of this marriage are: Jean Tweed, a salesman residing in Salem; John T., who is office manager for the Brown Shoe Company of Salem; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Dr. Miller Greer, of Vandalia, Illinois; Margaret Ann, a teacher in the local schools; Martha E., who is employed as stenographer in a shoe factory of Salem; and James E., Jr., a student at the University of Illinois.

Mr. McMackin has long been widely known by reason of his activity in democratic politics. His interest has centered therein since his boyhood days and again and again he has been called to positions of public honor and trust. Elected city treasurer, he occupied that position for four years and for six years was a member of the school board. In 1914 he became sheriff of Marion county and occupied the office until 1918. For four years he was mayor of Salem and gave to the city a businesslike and progressive administration characterized by many needed reforms and improvements. Four times he has represented his district in the state legislature, being sent to the assembly from the forty-second senatorial district. During his first term he was appointed on the "Pittsburgh Plus" investigation committee and acted in that capacity for two years. At a later date he was made a member of the miners commission which attracted national attention. He gave much of his time to the work of the education and fish and game committees, of which he was a member, and his frequent re-elections as assemblyman indicate how excellent is the record which he made in shaping the legislative history of the state. In 1932 he was appointed investigator of securities in the state treasurer's office and is now concentrating his energies upon the duties of that position. He has attended as a visitor nearly all of the state and national

conventions of the party since 1902 and has frequently been a delegate to judicial and congressional conventions. He was a member of the democratic county central committee for more than twenty years and for a considerable period was its chairman. On various occasions he has delivered campaign speeches in behalf of the party candidates and he has long been regarded as an influential force in democratic ranks in southern Illinois.

### HARRY COVERT

Harry Covert, head farmer at the Dixon State Hospital, was born in Sullivan county, New York, April 22, 1886, a son of Joseph and Caroline (Stanton) Covert, both of whom were natives of Orange county, New York. The father was born in 1864 and the mother in 1862. Joseph Covert removed to Dixon, Illinois, in 1903 and for twenty-five years was a stock buyer and dealer of Lee county. In politics he was a democrat and always worked consistently for his party. He died in 1930, while his wife survived until 1934.

Harry Covert attended the public schools of Sullivan county, New York, and was graduated from the high school in Monticello, that state, with the class of 1903. Since old enough to engage in business on his own account he has followed farming and in 1912 he removed to Cedar county, Nebraska, where he carried on agricultural pursuits for fifteen years. During his residence there he was active in democratic politics and served for ten years as a member of the democratic central committee. In 1927 he returned to Lee county, Illinois, settling on a farm in Palmyra township. He owns two hundred and forty acres of land, which he carefully cultivates, and the excellent crops which he annually garners indicate his practical and progressive methods of tilling the soil.

On the 23rd of January, 1906, Mr. Covert was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Haarhues and to them have been born nine children, namely: Evelyn, who completed the normal school course at the age of seventeen years and is a successful school teacher of Cedar county, Nebraska; Wilson, who is in the United States Navy and is now stationed at Long Beach, California; Lois; Dorothy; Willard; Lucile, who completed her grammar school course in 1934, being graduated with the highest grades in Lee county; Harold; Harry, Jr.; and Richard.

Fraternally Mr. Covert is a Mason and loyally follows the teachings and purposes of the craft. He has never seen occasion to change his political allegiance and in 1928 was elected precinct committeeman, to which position he was re-elected in 1930 and again in 1932. While in Nebraska he served for fourteen years on the school board and for the past six years he has been a member of the school board of Wild Cat school in Palmyra township, Lee county. In March, 1933, he was appointed head farmer at the Dixon State Hospital and took charge in the following November, so that in this position he now manages about eleven hundred acres of land. His previous practical experience has well qualified him for the duties of the position, to which he brings to bear sound judgment and excellent business qualifications. Since he has become head farmer of the Dixon institution the farm has shown a substantial profit for the first time in many years.

### GEORGE A. HALL

George A. Hall, state's attorney of Montgomery County Illinois, and recognized as one of the leaders of the county bar, makes his home in Litchfield, where he was born June 4, 1900. His father, Hugh Hall, a native of Fremont, Ohio, lived for a short time in Kansas, but when a sister removed to Litchfield, he followed her there, establishing his home in Illinois in 1887. Shortly after his arrival he was elected city clerk of the city of Litchfield, which position he held for two years when he was then elected as clerk of the city court of the city of Litchfield, serving in that capacity until 1908, when popular suffrage called



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him to the office of circuit clerk of Montgomery county. He was re-elected to this office in 1912, and continued to act in that capacity until he was appointed postmaster by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916, his incumbency in the latter office continuing until 1920, when he became affiliated with the banking business and was elected cashier of the Litchfield National Bank. This position he filled well until failing health caused him to retire in 1931, and since that time he has confined his business activities to the Litchfield Poster Advertising Company, of which he is president. On June 14, 1899, he married Lula Mae Finley an adopted daughter of George W. Amsden, a pioneer resident of Litchfield, to which union there was born one child, the subject of this biography.

George A. Hall graduated from the Litchfield High School in 1917, and in the fall of that year obtained a position with the Litchfield National Bank, where he was employed until June 4, 1918, when on his 18th birthday he signed up for military service, enlisting in the aviation branch of the army. However, he was not called for active duty until the first part of November of 1918, when he was sent to the School of Military Aeronautics at Austin, Texas, for his ground work. Soon thereafter the war ended and he was discharged in January, 1919. He returned to Litchfield and resumed his position with the Litchfield National Bank where he remained until May of the same year when he was appointed assistant national bank examiner, with headquarters at Memphis, Tennessee, later being transferred to Louisville, Kentucky, a position which he filled until his marriage. At that time he was appointed auditor of the First National Bank of Scottsville, Kentucky, and he was engaged in this capacity until early spring of 1924, when he returned to Litchfield and began the study of the law, in the office of George P. O'Brien, city attorney of Litchfield. Mr. O'Brien directed his reading until April 10th, 1930, when Mr. Hall was admitted to the bar of the State of Illinois, and began practicing in Mr. O'Brien's office, who had just before been appointed to the position of assistant attorney general of the state of Illinois. Shortly after being admitted to the bar, Mr. Hall was appointed master in chancery of the Litchfield city court, and in the spring of 1931 was appointed city attorney of the city of Litchfield, a position which he held until elected state's attorney of Montgomery county, in November, 1932, in which position he is now rendering satisfactory service.

On the second of August, 1922, Mr. Hall was married to Miss Rosa Laverne Funk, who was born on February 2, 1901, about four and one-half miles east of Hillsboro, a daughter of Professor and Mrs. Otto Funk. Her father was a noted violinist, having studied for several years in Germany, under the world's best violinists and in 1929, attracted great publicity by walking from the city hall in New York to the Golden Gate of San Francisco, playing his violin every step of the way. Various news reels were made of his accomplishment and he was greeted by the governor of California on his arrival there, where he was entertained in the governor's mansion. After completing the trip he returned to his home in Hillsboro, where he resided until his death on February 6, 1934. His widow, Mrs. Della Funk, still makes her home in Hillsboro. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have a family of three daughters: Della Lu, born October 2, 1926; Rosemary, born April 4, 1929; and Georgia, born August 4, 1932.

Mr. Hall is a charter member of Knierly-Knaggs Post No. 436 of the American Legion of Litchfield, and also holds membership in Charter Oak Lodge No. 236, A. F. & A. M.; Litchfield Lodge No. 654 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Litchfield Lodge No. 1634 of the Loyal Order of Moose, and Litchfield Lodge No. 354 of the Anti-Thief Association, all of Litchfield. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Litchfield, and his political endorsement has always been given to the democratic party, he being one of the organizers of the Litchfield Democratic club. He is a member of the Illinois State's Attorney Association, the American Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, and the local County Bar Association. He likes to hunt and fish and in his earlier days was proficient in baseball, basketball, and tennis. He still retains a

keen interest in all lines of sport, and at present is president of the Central Illinois Baseball League, a league consisting of eight Montgomery county teams. He still plays tennis and has likewise adapted himself to the game of table tennis, which together with hunting and fishing, are his chief means of recreation.

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### THOMAS J. HAYES

The democratic party has no more stalwart representative in St. Clair county than Thomas J. Hayes, chairman of the board of election commissioners, who makes his home in East St. Louis, in which city he was born November 22, 1885. His father, Thomas J. Hayes, Sr., came to East St. Louis in his boyhood days and was a locomotive engineer who for fifty-six years served on the Chicago & Alton Railroad. In politics he was a democrat and for several years was a member of the school board of this city. He passed away in October, 1931, and is survived by his widow, who in her maidenhood was Anastasia Doyle and who is a native of East St. Louis.

The youthful days of Thomas J. Hayes were largely devoted to the acquirement of an education in the parochial and public schools of East St. Louis and he was graduated from the high school. Starting out in the business world, he became a clerk for the Nickel Plate Railroad, thus serving for about three years, and afterward was with the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company as contracting freight agent for thirteen years. In 1918 he became connected with the Renard Linoleum & Rug Company of St. Louis as traffic manager and now occupies that position of responsibility. Thus step by step he has worked his way upward until he has gained a creditable place in business circles.

In 1912 Mr. Hayes was married to Miss Ada L. Hendricks, of East St. Louis, and their children are Thomas J. (III) and Mary Ada. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hayes are very active in politics. Mrs. Hayes is connected with the women's political organizations, has served as secretary of the Women's Democratic Club and is now its vice chairman. Mr. Hayes has been an earnest worker for the party since reaching his majority and in 1910 was elected a member of the St. Clair county board of supervisors. On the 1st of January, 1931, he was appointed a member of the board of election commissioners of East St. Louis, was chosen its chairman and is still acting in that capacity. For a year and a half he was a member of the East St. Louis board of police commissioners and for three terms he has been a member of the board of education. Frequently he has been a delegate to state conventions and for two terms he was a member of the democratic county committee. His labors have been intelligently directed along definitely defined lines for the good of the party and have proven far-reaching and resultant. Mr. Hayes is also greatly interested in the welfare of the youth of the city and is an active worker in the Boy Scout movement, being chairman of the troop committee.

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### FAY ALBERT GREGG

One of the popular and influential members of the democratic party in La Salle county is Fay Albert Gregg, of Earlville, who is a highway patrolman. He was born in Serena township, this county, in 1887, a son of Joseph W. and Jessie Gregg. The father is still living, but the mother is deceased. Daniel H. Gregg, an uncle of Fay A. Gregg, was reared in Hardin, Illinois, and began his public career in La Salle county. He also served as judge of Marshall county for a number of years and is now referee in bankruptcy. He has long been recognized as a prominent figure in state democracy. William W. Gregg, another uncle, living in Earlville, is one of the active democrats of the city. The grandfather of Fay A. Gregg in the paternal line came from Ireland and was the founder of the family in America. He was of Scotch-Irish descent and on coming to the new world he settled first in New York state but afterward lived in Hardin,

Illinois, for sixty years. He reached the advanced age of ninety-six years and he has a daughter living at the age of eighty-two years. At one time Joseph W. Gregg was the only democrat living in his township.

Fay A. Gregg was educated in the schools of Earlville and afterward engaged in farming on his own account for seven years. He then conducted a creamery and dairy products business and later was the owner and operator of an ice cream plant. His next business was that of trucking, in which he engaged for two years, and later he worked with his father, who owned a hardware store. On the 1st of February, 1933, he became highway maintenance patrolman and is now acting in that capacity.

Mr. Gregg cast his first presidential vote for William Jennings Bryan when twenty-one years of age and has since been an active democrat. When he was a candidate for precinct committeeman he polled the biggest democratic vote ever polled in Earl township, a fact that indicates his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow members of the party.

On the 23d of February, 1924, Mr. Gregg was united in marriage to Miss Rachael Harkness and they are the parents of three children. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and Mr. Gregg belongs also to the Catholic Order of Foresters. He is well known in La Salle county, where his entire life has been passed and where he has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

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#### MRS. ANNA KIRK

Mrs. Anna Kirk, who is postmistress at Ina, received appointment to this position on the 1st of December, 1933. She was born in Mount Vernon, Jefferson county, Illinois, October 19, 1889, a daughter of John William and Anna (McTalley) Lee. For several years her father has been supervisor and township clerk in his district and is a zealous supporter of democratic principles. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Kirk served for many years as committeeman in his precinct in McClellan township, Jefferson county.

Anna Lee obtained the equivalent of a high school education and for two years was a student in the Southern Illinois State Teachers College in Carbondale, while subsequently she spent a similar period at Ewing College of Ewing, Illinois. After leaving school she engaged in teaching, being employed to take charge of the first grade in the Ina public school. There she remained for a period of ten years and was principal of the school when she resigned. She was widely recognized as a most able and competent educator, having the ability to impart clearly and readily to others the knowledge that she had acquired and of interesting her pupils in their work.

On the 10th of June, 1908, in Nashville, Illinois, Miss Lee became the wife of J. Logan Kirk, who is deceased. By this union there are two sons, J. Aubrey and Max L. Mrs. Kirk belongs to the Royal Neighbors and to the Daughters of Rebekah. She is also a member of the Baptist Church and of the Ladies Aid Society. She has always voted the democratic ticket and was appointed postmistress of Ina on the 1st of December, 1933. She always keeps well informed on the political questions and issues of the day and is also interested in everything that pertains to the public welfare, giving her support to all those movements which she believes will be of benefit to the individual or to the community at large.

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#### PAUL JOSEPH FENOGLIO

Paul Joseph Fenoglio, highway patrolman living on Route 1, near Ottawa, La Salle county, was born at Ladd, Bureau county, Illinois, August 5, 1903, a son of Paul John and Mary Fenoglio. The father was a groceryman and saloon owner at Ladd and was one of the first merchants of the town—in fact took an

active and prominent part in the upbuilding of the community. Politically he was a democrat and served both as alderman and as town clerk. He has now passed away, but the mother survives and still makes her home in Ladd.

Paul Joseph Fenoglio was educated in the schools of his native town and also took a correspondence course in steam engineering under the direction of the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pennsylvania. After completing his course he followed that line of business for ten years, spending most of the time in Ladd, but also was for a short period in Beloit, Wisconsin. He afterward came to Ottawa and was electric crane operator in the glass plant of the city for about seven years. On the 18th of July, 1933, he became highway maintenance patrolman and is now filling that position. His appointment came to him as a supporter of the democratic party. He has always voted the party ticket since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he was secretary of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Ottawa township at one time, while at the present writing he is serving as a member of one of the committees of the Jeffersonian Club. In fact he has long been quite active in that organization and he utilizes every opportunity to further the interests and promote the success of the party.

In 1925 Mr. Fenoglio was united in marriage to Miss Angel Tenari and they are the parents of two sons, Paul and Anthony. The family attends the Catholic Church, and fraternally Mr. Fenoglio is affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose.



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